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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Sustainability Appraisal Report has been prepared by LUC on behalf of Melton Borough Council as part of the integrated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the emerging Melton Local Plan.
- 1.2 This report relates to the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan and it should be read in conjunction with that document.

Context for the Melton Local Plan

- 1.3 Melton Borough covers an area of 48,138ha in the north eastern part of Leicestershire. It is bordered by Rushcliffe, Newark and Sherwood, South Kesteven, Rutland, Harborough and Charnwood Districts.
- 1.4 Melton is a predominantly rural Borough with a total population of approximately 50,376 at the time of the 2011 Census. The main activities of the Borough are centred on the market town of Melton Mowbray and there are around 70 villages within the surrounding rural area. The population is split approximately 50/50 between Melton Mowbray and the rural villages. Outside of Melton Mowbray, Asfordby, Bottesford, Croxton Kerrial, Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Old Dalby, Scalford, Somerby, Stathern Waltham on the Wolds and Wymondham act as service centres.
- 1.5 The landscape of Melton Borough is typically rolling hills and valleys. The most prominent features are the escarpments defining the southern edge of the Vale of Belvoir and Borough Hill, the former iron-age fort to the south of the Borough. There are extensive areas of high quality agricultural land within Melton and outside of built up areas, arable farming is widespread.

The Local Plan

- 1.6 Melton Borough Council is preparing a new-style Local Plan to guide development in the Borough over the next 25 years. Once adopted, the new Local Plan will replace the saved policies from the existing Local Plan which was adopted in 1999.
- 1.7 The Council previously prepared a Core Strategy which was submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2012 and Examination hearing sessions took place in spring 2013. However, on the Inspector's recommendation the Council withdrew the Core Strategy and commenced work on the preparation of a new-style Local Plan.
- 1.8 The first iteration of the Local Plan, the Issues and Options document, was subject to public consultation between October 2014 and January 2015. The Issues and Options consultation introduced the background to the preparation of the new Local Plan and described what the Local Plan would include and the timeframe for its production. It also included a proposed vision and strategic objectives for the Local Plan as well as options for the level of growth, the overall spatial strategy, locations for large-scale development and the settlement hierarchy. Alternative options for a wide range of policy approaches were also presented, relating to housing, economic development, environmental protection and infrastructure delivery. An SA report was produced in-house by Melton Borough Council in relation to the Issues and Options document and was published as part of the consultation.
- 1.9 The next iteration of the Local Plan, the Emerging Options (Draft Plan), was prepared by Melton Borough Council in early 2016, taking into account the outcomes of the Issues and Options consultation and the SA findings. The Emerging Options document was published for consultation between January and April 2016. An SA Report for the Emerging Options was prepared by LUC and was published alongside the Local Plan during the consultation period.

- 1.10 The Council has now taken into account the outcomes of the Emerging Options consultation and the accompanying SA work and has prepared the Pre-Submission Draft consultation version of the Local Plan, which this updated SA report relates to.

Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 1.11 Sustainability Appraisal is a statutory requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It is designed to ensure that the plan preparation process maximises the contribution that a plan makes to sustainable development and minimises any potential adverse impacts. The SA process involves appraising the likely social, environmental and economic effects of the policies and proposals within a plan from the outset of its development.
- 1.12 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is also a statutory assessment process, required under the SEA Directive¹, transposed in the UK by the SEA Regulations (Statutory Instrument 2004, No 1633). The SEA Regulations require the formal assessment of plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment and which set the framework for future consent of projects requiring Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)². The purpose of SEA, as defined in Article 1 of the SEA Directive is *'to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans...with a view to promoting sustainable development'*.
- 1.13 SEA and SA are separate processes but have similar aims and objectives. Simply put, SEA focuses on the likely environmental effects of a plan whilst SA includes a wider range of considerations, extending to social and economic impacts. National Planning Practice Guidance³ shows how it is possible to satisfy both requirements by undertaking a joint SA/SEA process, and to present an SA report that incorporates the requirements of the SEA Regulations. The SA/SEA of the Melton Local Plan is being carried out in line with this integrated approach and throughout this report the abbreviation 'SA' should therefore be taken to refer to 'SA incorporating the requirements of SEA'.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 1.14 The requirement to undertake formal Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) of plans was introduced in the Equality Act 2010, but was abolished in 2012 as part of a Government bid to reduce bureaucracy. Despite this, authorities are still required to have regard to the provisions of the Equality Act, namely the Public Sector Duty which requires public authorities to have due regard for equalities considerations when exercising their functions.
- 1.15 In fulfilling this duty, many authorities still find it useful to produce a written record of equalities issues having been specifically considered. In the SA work undertaken previously in relation to the Issues and Options, Melton Borough Council incorporated an EqIA within the SA (several of the SA objectives address equalities issues, for example the objective relating to health). The same integrated approach was taken in the SA report for the Emerging Options and has again been taken in this SA report for the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

- 1.16 Under Article 6 (3) and (4) of the Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (Habitats Directive) land-use plans are also subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). The purpose of HRA is to assess the impacts of a land-use plan against the conservation objectives of a European designated site and to ascertain whether it would adversely affect the integrity of that site. The HRA process for the Melton Local Plan is being undertaken by LUC and reported on separately to the SA, and the findings are being taken into account in the SA where relevant.

¹ SEA Directive 2001/42/EC

² Under EU Directives 85/337/EEC and 97/11/EC concerning EIA.

³ <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/>

Structure of this report

- 1.17 This report is the SA report for the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Melton Local Plan. **Table 1.1** below signposts where the requirements of the SEA Regulations have been met within this SA report.

Table 1.1: Requirements of the SEA Regulations and where these have been addressed in this SA Report

SEA Regulation Requirements	Where covered in this SA report
Preparation of an environmental report in which the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the plan or programme, are identified, described and evaluated. The information to be given is (Art. 5 and Annex I):	
a) An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan or programme, and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes	Chapter 3 and Appendix 2.
b) The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme	Chapter 3 and Appendix 3.
c) The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected	Chapter 3 and Appendix 3.
d) Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC.	Chapter 3 and Appendix 3.
e) The environmental protection, objectives, established at international, Community or national level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental, considerations have been taken into account during its preparation	Chapter 3 and Appendix 2.
f) The likely significant effects on the environment, including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. (Footnote: These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects)	Chapters 4-7 and Appendices 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11.
g) The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme;	Chapters 4-7 and Appendices 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11.
h) An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information;	Chapters 2 and 4 and Appendix 8.
i) a description of measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with Art. 10;	Chapter 8.
j) a non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings	A separate non-technical summary document has been prepared to accompany this full SA report.

SEA Regulation Requirements	Where covered in this SA report
The report shall include the information that may reasonably be required taking into account current knowledge and methods of assessment, the contents and level of detail in the plan or programme, its stage in the decision-making process and the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process to avoid duplication of the assessment (Art. 5.2)	Addressed throughout this SA report.
Consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> authorities with environmental responsibility, when deciding on the scope and level of detail of the information which must be included in the environmental report (Art. 5.4) 	Consultation on the SA Scoping Report for the Melton Local Plan was undertaken between July and August 2014.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> authorities with environmental responsibility and the public, shall be given an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinion on the draft plan or programme and the accompanying environmental report before the adoption of the plan or programme (Art. 6.1, 6.2) 	Consultation is being undertaken in relation to the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Melton Local Plan between November and December 2016. The consultation document is accompanied by this SA report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> other EU Member States, where the implementation of the plan or programme is likely to have significant effects on the environment of that country (Art. 7). 	N/A
Taking the environmental report and the results of the consultations into account in decision-making (Art. 8)	
Provision of information on the decision: When the plan or programme is adopted, the public and any countries consulted under Art.7 must be informed and the following made available to those so informed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the plan or programme as adopted a statement summarising how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme and how the environmental report of Article 5, the opinions expressed pursuant to Article 6 and the results of consultations entered into pursuant to Art. 7 have been taken into account in accordance with Art. 8, and the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and the measures decided concerning monitoring (Art. 9) 	To be addressed after the Local Plan is adopted.
Monitoring of the significant environmental effects of the plan's or programme's implementation (Art. 10)	To be addressed after the Local Plan is adopted.
Quality assurance: environmental reports should be of a sufficient standard to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive (Art. 12).	This report has been produced in line with current guidance and good practice for SEA/SA and this table demonstrates where the requirements of the SEA Directive have been met.

1.18 This section has introduced the SA of the Melton Local Plan. The remainder of the report is structured into the following sections:

- **Chapter 2: Methodology** describes the approach that has been taken to the SA of the Local Plan.
- **Chapter 3: Sustainability context for development in Melton** summarises the relationship between the Melton Local Plan and other relevant plans, policies and programmes; describes the social, economic and environmental characteristics of the Borough and identifies the key sustainability issues.
- **Chapter 4: SA findings for the policy options** summarises the findings of the SA work that has been undertaken in relation to options for the Local Plan policies.

- **Chapter 5: SA findings for the large-scale site options** summarises the SA findings for the large-scale development site options that have been considered for allocation in the Melton Local Plan.
- **Chapter 6: SA findings for the small-scale site options** summarises the SA findings for the small-scale residential site options that have been considered for allocation in the Melton Local Plan.
- **Chapter 7: SA findings for the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan** summarises the SA findings for the current Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan and describes the cumulative effects of the Local Plan as a whole.
- **Chapter 8: Monitoring** describes the approach that should be taken to monitoring the likely significant effects of the Local Plan and proposes monitoring indicators.
- **Chapter 9: Conclusions** summarises the key findings from the SA and describes the next steps to be undertaken in the preparation of the Local Plan and the SA.

1.19 The main body of the SA report is supported by a number of appendices as follows:

- **Appendix 1** presents the comments that were received in relation to the consultations on the SA Scoping Report in summer 2014, the SA Report for the Issues and Options in late 2014, the revised SA framework in July 2015 and the SA Report for the Emerging Options in early 2016.
- **Appendix 2** sets out the updated review of relevant plans, policies and programmes.
- **Appendix 3** presents the updated baseline information for Melton Borough.
- **Appendix 4** presents a compatibility assessment between the SA objectives and the Local Plan strategic priorities.
- **Appendix 5** sets out the assumptions that were applied during the appraisal of the small-scale residential site options.
- **Appendix 6** presents the detailed SA matrices for the small-scale residential site options.
- **Appendix 7** presents the detailed SA matrices for the large-scale development site options.
- **Appendix 8** lists the site options that have been considered for allocation in the Local Plan and explains why each one is included or not in the Pre-Submission Draft document.
- **Appendix 9** presents detailed SA matrices for some of the Local Plan policy options, supplementing the SA work that was carried out at the Issues and Options stage in 2014.
- **Appendix 10** presents the detailed SA matrices for the policies and site allocations in the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan.
- **Appendix 11** presents the detailed SA matrices for the sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

2 Methodology

- 2.1 In addition to complying with legal requirements, the approach being taken to the SA of the Melton Local Plan is based on current best practice and the guidance on SA/SEA set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance, which involves carrying out SA as an integral part of the plan-making process. **Table 2.1** below sets out the main stages of the plan-making process and shows how these correspond to the SA process.

Table 2.1: Corresponding stages in plan making and SA

Local Plan Step 1: Evidence Gathering and engagement
SA stages and tasks
<p>Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1: Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives • 2: Collecting baseline information • 3: Identifying sustainability issues and problems • 4: Developing the SA framework • 5: Consulting on the scope of the SA
Local Plan Step 2: Production
SA stages and tasks
<p>Stage B: Developing and refining options and assessing effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1: Testing the Local Plan objectives against the SA framework • 2: Developing the Local Plan options • 3: Evaluating the effects of the Local Plan • 4: Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects • 5: Proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Local Plan
<p>Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1: Preparing the SA Report
<p>Stage D: Seek representations on the Local Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1: Public participation on Local Plan and the SA Report • 2(i): Appraising significant changes
Local Plan Step 3: Examination
SA stages and tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2(ii): Appraising significant changes resulting from representations
Local Plan Step 4 & 5: Adoption and Monitoring

SA stages and tasks

- 3: Making decisions and providing information

Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the Local Plan

- 1: Finalising aims and methods for monitoring
- 2: Responding to adverse effects

2.2 The methodology set out below describes the approach that has been taken to the SA of the Melton Local Plan to date and provides information on the subsequent stages of the process.

Stage A: Scoping

2.3 The SA process began in July 2014 with the production of a Scoping Report for the Local Plan, which was produced in-house by Melton Borough Council.

2.4 The Scoping stage of the SA involves understanding the social, economic and environmental baseline for the plan area as well as the sustainability policy context and key sustainability issues. The Scoping Report presented the outputs of the following tasks:

- Policies, plans and programmes of relevance to the Local Plan were identified and the relationships between them were considered, enabling any potential synergies to be exploited and any potential inconsistencies and incompatibilities to be identified and addressed.
- Baseline information was collected on environmental, social and economic issues. This baseline information provides the basis for predicting and monitoring the likely effects of the Local Plan and helps to identify alternative ways of dealing with any adverse effects identified.
- Key sustainability issues for the Borough were identified.
- A Sustainability Appraisal framework was presented, comprising the SA objectives against which options and subsequently policies would be appraised. The SA framework provides a way in which the sustainability impacts of implementing a particular plan can be described, analysed and compared. It sets out a series of sustainability objectives and associated questions that can be used to 'interrogate' options and policies drafted during the plan-making process. These SA objectives define the long-term aspirations of the Borough with regard to social, economic and environmental considerations. During the SA, the performances of the plan options (and later, policies) are assessed against these SA objectives and appraisal questions.
- The SA Scoping Report also included an assessment of the compatibility of the strategic objectives in the Local Plan and the SA objectives in the SA framework.

Scoping consultation

2.5 Public and stakeholder participation is an important element of the SA and wider plan-making processes. It helps to ensure that the SA report is robust and has due regard for all appropriate information that will support the plan in making a contribution to sustainable development. The SA Scoping Report for the Local Plan was published in July 2014 for a five week consultation period with the statutory consultees that existed at the time (Natural England, the Environment Agency and English Heritage (now Historic England)) and other interested parties.

2.6 **Appendix 1** lists the comments that were received during the Scoping consultation and describes how each one has been addressed in the SA work undertaken since then. In light of the comments received a number of amendments were made to the review of plans, policies and programmes, the baseline information and the key sustainability issues. A number of consultation comments were also received from consultees in relation to the SA framework, although these were superseded by comments that were received during the consultation on the revised SA framework produced by LUC in July 2015, as described below.

Changes to the SA framework

- 2.7 When LUC was commissioned in June 2015 to assist Melton Borough Council with the remaining stages of the SA for the Local Plan, a review of the SA work undertaken to date was carried out, including a review of the July 2014 Scoping Report. This review resulted in LUC proposing a number of amendments to the SA framework, in order to ensure that it clearly addresses all of the SEA topics⁴ within the headline SA objectives and therefore allows for a robust appraisal of options and policies.
- 2.8 A revised SA framework was produced by LUC in July 2015 and sent to the three statutory consultees (Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency) for comment. The responses received, which were generally supportive of the changes made, are presented in **Appendix 1**. As a result of the comments received from Historic England, a small number of additional sub-objectives were added to the SA objective relating to the historic environment.
- 2.9 **Table 2.2** overleaf presents the updated version of the SA framework for the Melton Local Plan which now includes 17 headline SA objectives along with their associated sub-questions, and shows how all of the 'SEA topics' have been covered by the SA objectives. This is the revised SA framework, including the changes that were proposed in July 2015 and updated following consultation with the three statutory consultees. The total number of SA objectives has increased by one, to 17, and some of the objectives have been split to ensure that none of the objectives attempt to address too many different topics. Changes were also made to the sub-objectives to ensure that they are appropriate for the revised headline objectives.

Updates to the baseline and policy review

- 2.10 When LUC reviewed the SA work undertaken by Melton Borough Council up to the Issues and Options stage, a number of other recommendations were made in relation to the Scoping work including the need to ensure that the baseline information addresses all of the SEA topics and potential revisions to the review of plans, policies and programmes to make it more concise. These recommendations were addressed by LUC during the preparation of the SA report for the Emerging Options, i.e. the review of plans, policies and programmes was refined and some areas of the baseline information were expanded. The review of relevant plans, policies and programmes and the baseline information were also subject to a general update as part of the preparation of the SA report for the Emerging Options and have again been updated during the preparation of this SA Report for the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan. They will continue to be updated as necessary at each stage of the SA process to ensure that they reflect the current situation in Melton Borough and take account of the most recent sources of information. Updated versions of those parts of the Scoping Report are presented in **Appendices 2 and 3** of this SA report and are summarised in **Chapter 3**.

⁴ The SEA topics are listed in the SEA Regulations and include: biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors.

Table 2.2: SA framework for the Melton Local Plan

SA Objectives	Decision-Making Criteria	Relevant Topic(s) as set out in the SEA Regulations
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	Will it supplement the current range of residential accommodation that will contribute to the overall needs of the community? Will it contribute to the stock of affordable housing in places where a need has been established? Will it facilitate accommodation for members of the community with particular housing needs?	Population Material assets
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	Will it increase levels of qualification? Will it create high knowledge jobs? Will it improve access to educational facilities?	Population
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	Will it utilise and enhance existing transport infrastructure? Will it help to develop a transport network that minimises the impact on the environment? Will it reduce journeys undertaken by car encouraging alternative modes of transport?	Air Climatic factors Material assets
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	Will it help to reduce commuting out of the Borough for employment? Will it add to the range of businesses in the Borough? Will it supplement the rural economy? Will it contribute to the number of jobs within the Borough? Will it increase jobs in the sectors that are currently underrepresented in the Borough? Will it encourage visitors to the Borough? Will it encourage inward investment?	Population Material assets
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	Will it protect or foster the character of the local landscape?	Landscape
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	Will it protect existing or facilitate new wildlife habitat? Will it protect or increase the amount of woodland? Will it protect or improve the condition of SSSIs and other sites of ecological interest? Will it protect or improve geodiversity in the Borough?	Biodiversity Flora Fauna
7. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	Will it foster local distinctiveness of built form? Will it protect important architectural and archaeological assets? Will it protect or contribute to the appearance of the built form? Will it foster local distinctiveness of built form? Will it conserve or enhance heritage assets including, buildings, conservation	Cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage

SA Objectives	Decision-Making Criteria	Relevant Topic(s) as set out in the SEA Regulations
	areas, landscape features and architectural and archaeological assets? Will it protect or contribute to the appearance of the built form? Will it protect the setting of heritage assets? Will it lead to the repair and re-use of a heritage asset or tackle heritage at risk?	
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	Will it make use of previously developed land? Will it minimise the loss of good agricultural land? Will it safeguard mineral deposits?	Soil
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	Will it improve access to cultural and recreational facilities? Will it enhance the provision of recreational and cultural facilities? Will it promote the participation in recreational and cultural activities?	Population
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	Will it enhance the provision of educational facilities? Will it promote participation in educational facilities? Will it contribute to the number and range of jobs within the Borough? Will it contribute to the stock of affordable housing in places where a need has been established?	Population
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	Will it contribute to the reduction in crime levels? Will it reduce people's fear of crime? Will it reduce road traffic accidents? Will it improve the safety of pedestrians or cyclists?	Population
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it assist in maximising the use of recycled and secondary materials?	Material assets
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	Will it provide the type of land and buildings of a type required by businesses? Will it improve the diversity of jobs available? Will it reduce traffic congestion in the Borough?	Material assets Population
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	Will it improve access to health facilities? Will it encourage a healthy life style e.g. a healthy diet and encourage physical activity? Will it improve human health? Will it increase, or enhance the opportunities for sporting recreational physical activity?	Human health
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	Will it reduce levels of air pollution? Will it improve energy efficiency? Will it promote renewable forms of energy?	Air Climatic factors
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	Will development be in an area at risk of flooding?	Climatic factors

SA Objectives	Decision-Making Criteria	Relevant Topic(s) as set out in the SEA Regulations
extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	Will it require mitigation to facilitate development? Will it increase the risk of flooding? Will the development tackle existing flooding issues?	Material assets
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	Will it reduce levels of water pollution? Will it encourage efficient water consumption?	Water

SA Stage B: Developing and refining options and assessing effects

- 2.11 Developing options for a plan is an iterative process, usually involving a number of consultations with public and stakeholders. Consultation responses and the SA can help to identify where there may be other 'reasonable alternatives' to the options being considered for a plan.
- 2.12 Regulation 12 (2) of the SEA Regulations requires that:
"The (environmental or SA) report must identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effects on the environment of—
(a) implementing the plan or programme; and
(b) reasonable alternatives, taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan or programme."
- 2.13 It should be noted that any alternatives considered to the plan need to be 'reasonable'. This implies that alternatives that are not reasonable do not need to be subject to appraisal. Examples of unreasonable alternatives could include policy options that do not meet the objectives of the plan or national policy (e.g. the National Planning Policy Framework) or site options that are unavailable or undeliverable.
- 2.14 It also needs to be recognised that the SEA and SA findings are not the only factors taken into account when determining which options to take forward in a plan. Indeed, there will often be an equal number of positive or negative effects identified for each option, such that it is not possible to 'rank' them based on sustainability performance in order to select an option. Factors such as public opinion, deliverability and conformity with national policy will also be taken into account by plan-makers when selecting options for their plan.
- 2.15 This section provides an overview of how the appraisal of options has fed into the preparation of the policies (including site allocations) in the Melton Local Plan and more information about this process is provided in **Chapters 4, 5 and 6**. Information about the Council's reasons for selecting and rejecting site options is set out in **Appendix 8**.

Identification and appraisal of site options

SA of large-scale site options

- 2.16 A number of options for large-scale strategic allocations have been subject to SA during the Plan preparation process. Most of these large-scale options emerged through the Council's SHLAA work. Five large-scale site options were subject to SA by Melton Borough Council at the Issues and Options stage and the findings were described in the October 2014 SA Report. After that time, the Council in conjunction with LUC determined that there were seven further reasonable options for large-scale development sites in the Borough and those options were also subject to SA prior to the preparation of the Emerging Options document. Due to the time that had passed since the five original large-scale site options were subject to SA in 2014 and the risk of inconsistencies between that work and the more recent SA work for the other large-scale site options, the site appraisal work that was undertaken at the Issues and Options stage was reviewed and supplemented to take into account the latest available information. This approach ensured that a robust and consistent assessment of all 12 of the reasonable large-scale development site options was undertaken.
- 2.17 The SA findings for the large-scale site options were described in an internal SA note to the Council prior to the production of the Emerging Options version of the Local Plan, so that the SA findings could be taken into account in decision making. The SA note was a working document intended to inform the plan preparation process rather than a full SA report and was not made publicly available at the time. The SA findings for the large-scale site options were later presented publicly in the SA Report for the Emerging Options consultation and are now summarised in **Chapter 5** of this SA report. The detailed SA matrices are presented in **Appendix 7**. No additional large-scale site options were identified following the Emerging Options consultation.

- 2.18 Site allocations policies for the two large-scale sites now allocated in the Local Plan (SS4 and SS5) have been subject to SA as part of the preparation of this report and the findings are presented in **Chapter 7** and **Appendix 10**.

SA of small-scale site options prior to Emerging Options consultation

- 2.19 As well as the large-scale residential site options described above, an initial set of reasonable alternative options for small-scale (non-strategic) residential site allocations to be made in the Local Plan was identified by Melton Borough Council prior to the Emerging Options consultation in 2015. Sites that were identified through the Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) were taken as the starting point and were subject to a sieving exercise by Council officers to identify any that were considered not to be reasonable and so would not require SA.
- 2.20 Sites with 75% or more 'red constraints' were discounted from the initial assessment process by the Council. Red constraints were considered by the Council to be restrictions such as flood risk (flood zone 3), active mineral extraction sites and hazardous installations. Sites with valid planning consent or that were currently under construction were also discounted from the assessment process, on the basis that they already formed part of the deliverable supply.
- 2.21 Sites with a net capacity of fewer than 10 units were also discounted from further consideration as the Council considered it unlikely these sites would require allocation to bring them forward for development, as historic development rates in Melton Borough suggest that small sites (fewer than 10 dwellings) naturally come forward through the development process. Sites that are not adjoining or adjacent to a settlement were also discounted from the process, on the basis that they were not considered by the Council to be consistent with the principles of the NPPF and sustainable development.
- 2.22 Once the Council had completed the site sieving exercise, 39 reasonable residential site options were identified and subject to SA by LUC. SA inevitably relies on an element of subjective judgement. However, in order to ensure consistency in the appraisal of a large number of small-scale residential site options, a detailed set of assumptions was developed and applied during the SA of the 39 site options. These assumptions were applied through the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data and set clear parameters for where likely minor significant, positive and negative effects should be identified. For example, site options within a certain distance of biodiversity features would be assessed as having a potential significant negative effect on biodiversity⁵.
- 2.23 As with the large-scale site options, the SA findings for the small-scale site options were presented in a summary note which was provided to the Melton Borough Council officers preparing the Local Plan, in order that the findings could inform the selection of sites for inclusion in the Emerging Options document. The SA note was a working document intended to inform the plan preparation process rather than a full SA report and was not made publicly available at the time. The SA findings for these 39 site options were later presented publicly in the SA Report for the Emerging Options (December 2015).

SA of further small-scale site options following Emerging Options consultation

- 2.24 Following the Emerging Options consultation, a further 90 reasonable alternative small-scale site options were identified by Melton Borough Council and were subject to SA by LUC, with the findings again presented initially in an internal summary note which was provided to the Council in July 2016 so that the SA work could inform the preparation of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan. This work is now presented in **Chapter 6** of this SA report along with the SA findings for the site options appraised previously.
- 2.25 Since the Emerging Options consultation took place, new evidence studies had become available which were useful in informing the SA of site options, and the assumptions were updated to take this additional information into account as well as to reflect changes to the Council's site assessment methodology which informed the scores for some of the SA objectives and the

⁵ Note that assumptions were not used in the SA of the large-scale site options because much more information was available about the nature of the sites and their proposed use; therefore each site was appraised on its own merits drawing on that information. However, the GIS datasets that were collated for the SA of small-scale site options were also used to inform judgements about the likely effects of development at the large-scale sites where relevant.

updated settlement hierarchy for the Borough. These amendments resulted in changes being made to the assumptions relating to SA objectives 3: sustainable transport, 4: employment, 7: historic environment, 9: access to services, 15: greenhouse gas emissions and 16: flood risk. The updated set of assumptions can be found in **Appendix 5** and the changes made since the Emerging Options stage are shown in red text for reference.

- 2.26 The 90 new site options that were identified after the Emerging Options consultation were subject to SA in line with these updated assumptions. In order to ensure consistency and to allow for comparison between the SA findings for all of the site options, the SA work that was undertaken in 2015 for the original set of small-scale site options (and presented in the November 2015 SA Report for the Emerging Options) was also revised to reflect the updated assumptions. As well as the changes that had been made to SA objectives 3, 4, 7 and 16 for the reasons described above, the appraisal findings for the original site options in relation to SA objective 4: employment were also revised and updated because it became apparent since the Emerging Options consultation that the GIS dataset that was used to identify the locations of existing employment sites was incorrect. All site options have therefore now been appraised taking into account the correct employment sites dataset provided by Melton Borough Council. In addition, the appraisal of all site options against SA objective 10: social deprivation needed to be revised because the scores given for that objective depended in part on the scores given for SA objective 4.
- 2.27 One of the 39 site options that was appraised prior to the Emerging Options consultation (MBC/141/13) is no longer considered by Melton Borough Council to be a reasonable option because it has since been developed; therefore that site has been removed from the SA process. The total number of reasonable alternative options therefore now stands at 128 (38 of which were appraised previously and 90 of which are new options). The SA findings for the full set of reasonable alternative small-scale site options are summarised in **Chapter 6** of this report and the detailed SA matrices for the options can be found in **Appendix 6**.
- 2.28 SA matrices for the sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are presented in **Appendix 11**. In some cases, changes were made to the boundaries of sites that were allocated since they were originally appraised as options. The SA matrices in **Appendix 11** take into account these changes and also reflect the information provided in the Local Plan about the proposals for the sites (as set out in the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan), as well as additional biodiversity evidence that had since become available for those sites.

Reasons for decision making

- 2.29 The Council has taken into account the findings of the SA as well as other relevant factors when deciding which site options to select for inclusion in the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan, and which options to reject. **Appendix 8** lists the site options considered (both large and small-scale) and explains the reasons for selecting or rejecting each one. Note that at the Emerging Options stage, a number of sites were included in Policy C1 as potential sites (from which to select allocations), rather than being identified as allocations at that stage. Therefore, where **Appendix 8** shows that a site was included at the Emerging Options stage but is not now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, this does not mean that it has been removed as an allocation that was formerly made, rather that a decision has now been taken not to allocate the site.

Identification and appraisal of policy options

- 2.30 High level options for the policies to be included in the Melton Local Plan were identified at the Issues and Options stage in 2014 and most were subject to SA by Melton Borough Council at that time, with the findings described in the October 2014 SA Report. Reasonable alternative options for Local Plan policies were identified by the Council and were drawn from the most up-to-date evidence, in particular in relation to the levels of development required in the Borough.
- 2.31 A small number of the policy options set out in the Issues and Options document were not subject to SA at that time as the Council considered that they would not have an effect on the overall social, economic and environmental conditions of the Borough. For completeness, those options were later subject to SA by LUC prior to the Emerging Options stage and the findings were presented in the SA Report for the Emerging Options. They are now also presented in **Chapter 4** and **Appendix 9** of this SA Report. **Chapter 4** also includes a summary of the SA findings for the policy options that were appraised at Issues and Options stage.

- 2.32 Prior to the Emerging Options consultation, LUC also undertook some supplementary SA work in relation to the policy options that were set out in Section 4 of the Issues and Options consultation document. Those options relate to the spatial strategy for the Local Plan and are therefore key to informing the approach that will be taken to growth in the Borough over the plan period. The SA work for those options that was undertaken by the Council in 2014 and presented in the SA Report for the Issues and Options was reviewed and supplemented to take into account the latest available evidence and was restructured in light of the revisions to the SA framework since 2014 (described earlier in this chapter). The updated SA findings for the spatial strategy options were presented in the SA Report for the Emerging Options and are now also presented in **Chapter 4** and **Appendix 9** of this SA report. As with the site options, the updated SA matrices for the spatial strategy options were presented to the Council in an internal SA note prior to the preparation of the Emerging Options document, so that the findings could be taken into account in decision making.
- 2.33 The Council took into account the findings of the SA as well as other relevant factors when deciding which policy options to select for inclusion in the Local Plan. The decision making process for the policy options is described in more detail in **Chapter 4** of this report.
- 2.34 Once the Council had produced the Emerging Options version of the Local Plan, the more detailed policies were also subject to SA and the findings were presented in the December 2015 SA report which was published alongside the Local Plan Emerging Options during the consultation period.
- 2.35 The SA findings, along with other factors, have now fed into the preparation of the Pre-Submission Draft consultation version of the Local Plan, which is the subject of this SA report. Updated SA matrices for the policies in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are presented in **Appendix 10** and the findings are summarised in **Chapter 7**. Information about the changes made to the Local Plan since the Emerging Options stage and the reasons for these is provided in **Chapter 4**. The implications of the changes in terms of the SA findings are summarised in **Chapter 7**.

SA Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal report

- 2.36 This SA report describes the process that has been undertaken to date in carrying out the SA of the Melton Local Plan. It sets out the findings of the appraisal of options and policies, highlighting any likely significant effects (both positive and negative, and taking into account the likely secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term and permanent and temporary effects). It also describes the reasons for selecting or rejecting certain options during the preparation of the Local Plan.

SA Stage D: Consultation on the Melton Local Plan and this SA Report

- 2.37 Melton Borough Council is inviting comments on the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan and this SA Report. Both documents are being published on the Council's website for consultation between November and December 2016.

SA Stage E: Monitoring implementation of the Local Plan

- 2.38 Recommendations for monitoring the social, environmental and economic effects of implementing the Melton Local Plan are presented in **Chapter 8**.

Appraisal methodology

- 2.39 The reasonable alternative policy and site options for the Local Plan and the policies now set out in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan have been appraised against the SA objectives in the SA framework (see **Table 2.2** earlier in this section)⁶, with scores being attributed to each option or policy to indicate its likely sustainability effects on each objective as follows:

Figure 2.1 Key to symbols and colour coding used in the SA of the Melton Local Plan

++	The option or policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on the SA objective(s).
++/-	The option or policy is likely to have a mixture of significant positive and minor negative effects on the SA objective(s).
+	The option or policy is likely to have a positive effect on the SA objective(s).
0	The option or policy is likely to have a negligible or no effect on the SA objective(s).
-	The option or policy is likely to have a negative effect on the SA objective(s).
--/+	The option or policy is likely to have a mixture of significant negative and minor positive effects on the SA objective(s).
--	The option or policy is likely to have a significant negative effect on the SA objective(s).
?	It is uncertain what effect the option or policy will have on the SA objective(s), due to a lack of data.
+/- or ++/--	The option or policy is likely to have an equal mixture of both minor or both significant positive and negative effects on the SA objective(s).

- 2.40 Where a potential positive or negative effect is uncertain, a question mark is added to the relevant score (e.g. +? or -?) and the score is colour coded as per the potential positive, negligible or negative score (e.g. green, yellow, orange, etc.).
- 2.41 The likely effects of the options and policies need to be determined and their significance assessed, and this inevitably requires a series of judgments to be made. This appraisal has attempted to differentiate between the most significant effects and other more minor effects through the use of the symbols shown above. The dividing line in making a decision about the significance of an effect is often quite small. Where either (++) or (--) has been used to distinguish significant effects from more minor effects (+ or -) this is because the effect of an option or emerging option on the SA objective in question is considered to be of such magnitude that it will have a noticeable and measurable effect taking into account other factors that may influence the achievement of that objective. However, scores are relative to the scale of proposals under consideration.
- 2.42 The SA findings for the Local Plan options are described in **Chapters 4-6** and the likely effects of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan as a whole are summarised in **Chapter 7**, including an assessment of the potential cumulative impacts of the Local Plan.

Difficulties Encountered

- 2.43 It is a requirement of the SEA Regulations that consideration is given to any data limitations or other difficulties that are encountered during the SA process. During the appraisal of the policy options the fact that options had not yet been worked up in detail (comprising only suggested policy approaches) meant that at times it was difficult to assess in detail the likely effects of the options on each SA objective. Once the policies had been worked up in more detail it was possible to draw more certain conclusions about the likely effects, as described in this report.

⁶ Note that the options appraisal work that was undertaken at the Issues and Options stage in 2014 involved using the earlier version of the SA framework.

- 2.44 There was a need to ensure that a large number of small-scale site options could be appraised consistently. This was achieved by the use of assumptions relating to each SA objective, as described earlier in this chapter. For most of the assumptions applied in relation to the SA objectives, distances between the site options and the various features considered (e.g. designated biodiversity sites, schools etc.) were measured based on the nearest points of each site and feature. However, the Council's site assessment work (which informed the scores for a number of the SA objectives) was undertaken slightly differently, with distances being measured from the centre of each site option. This is not considered to limit the robustness of the SA findings because all site options were appraised consistently in relation to each individual SA objective.
- 2.45 It should be noted that Grade 3 agricultural land comprises both Grade 3a and Grade 3b agricultural land. Only Grade 3a agricultural land, which covers about 21% of England's farmland, falls into the classification of best and most versatile agricultural land. The NPPF advises that planning authorities should seek to use areas of poorer quality land for development in preference to that of a high quality. The breakdown between Grade 3a and Grade 3b agricultural land is not available for all of Melton Borough, and therefore under the precautionary principle it has been assumed that Grade 3 land has the potential to be best and most versatile agricultural land, unless it is known to be classed as Grade 3b.
- 2.46 No other specific data limitations or difficulties were encountered during the SA process.

3 Sustainability Context for Development in Melton

Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes

3.1 The Melton Local Plan is not prepared in isolation, being greatly influenced by other plans, policies and programmes and by broader sustainability objectives. It needs to be consistent with international and national guidance and strategic planning policies and should contribute to the goals of a wide range of other programmes and strategies, such as those relating to social policy, culture and heritage. It must also conform to environmental protection legislation and the sustainability objectives established at the international, national and regional levels.

3.2 Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations requires:

(1) "an outline of the...relationship with other relevant plans or programmes"; and

(5) "the environmental protection objectives established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation"

3.3 It is necessary to identify the relationships between the Melton Local Plan and the relevant plans, policies and programmes so that any potential links can be built upon and any inconsistencies and constraints addressed.

3.4 During the Scoping stage of the SA, a review was undertaken of the other plans, policies and programmes that are relevant to the Local Plan, as described in **Chapter 2**. This review has been revised and updated since it was originally presented in the SA Scoping Report in July 2014, in light of comments received during the Scoping consultation and to make the review more concise, ensuring that it reviews an appropriate range of up-to-date plans, policies and programmes in an appropriate level of detail. The updated review can be seen in full in **Appendix 2** and the key findings are summarised below.

Key international plans, policies and programmes

3.5 At the international level, Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (the 'SEA Directive') and Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the 'Habitats Directive') are particularly significant as they require Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) to be undertaken in relation to the emerging Melton Local Plan. These processes should be undertaken iteratively and integrated into the production of the plan in order to ensure that any potential negative environmental effects (including on European-level nature conservation designations) are identified and can be mitigated.

3.6 There are a wide range of other EU Directives relating to issues such as water quality, waste and air quality, most of which have been transposed into UK law through national-level policy; however the international directives have been included in **Appendix 2** for completeness.

Key national plans, policies and programmes

3.7 The most significant development in terms of the policy context for the Melton Local Plan has been the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which replaced the suite of Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) and Planning Policy Guidance (PPGs). The purpose of the NPPF was to streamline national planning policy, having reduced over a thousand pages of policy down to around 50 pages. The Local Plan must be consistent with the requirements of the NPPF. The NPPF sets out information about the purposes of Local Plan-making, stating that:

"Local Plans must be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. To this end, they should be consistent with the principles and policies set out in this Framework, including the presumption in favour of sustainable development."

- 3.8 The NPPF also requires Local Plans to be 'aspirational but realistic'. This means that opportunities for appropriate development should be identified in order to achieve net gains in terms of sustainable social, environmental and economic development; however significant adverse impacts in any of those areas should not be allowed to occur.
- 3.9 The NPPF requires Local Planning authorities to set out the strategic priorities for the area in the Local Plan. This should include strategic policies to deliver:
- the homes and jobs needed in the area;
 - the provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development;
 - the provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
 - the provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; and
 - climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.
- 3.10 In addition, Local Plans should:
- plan positively for the development and infrastructure required in the area to meet the objectives, principles and policies of the NPPF;
 - be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon, take account of longer term requirements, and be kept up to date;
 - be based on co-operation with neighbouring authorities, public, voluntary and private sector organisations;
 - indicate broad locations for strategic development on a key diagram and land-use designations on a proposals map;
 - allocate sites to promote development and flexible use of land, bringing forward new land where necessary, and provide detail on form, scale, access and quantum of development where appropriate;
 - identify areas where it may be necessary to limit freedom to change the uses of buildings, and support such restrictions with a clear explanation;
 - identify land where development would be inappropriate, for instance because of its environmental or historic significance; and
 - contain a clear strategy for enhancing the natural, built and historic environment, and supporting Nature Improvement Areas where they have been identified.

Local Plans, policies and programmes

- 3.11 At the sub-regional and local levels there are a wide range of plans and programmes that are specific to Leicestershire and Melton Borough and which provide further context for the emerging Local Plan. These plans and programmes relate to issues such as housing, transport, renewable energy and green infrastructure, and have also been reviewed in **Appendix 2**.

Baseline Information

- 3.12 Baseline information provides the context for assessing the sustainability of proposals in the Melton Local Plan and it provides the basis for identifying trends, predicting the likely effects of the plan and monitoring its outcomes. The requirements for baseline data vary widely, but it must be relevant to environmental, social and economic issues, be sensitive to change and should ideally relate to records which are sufficient to identify trends.

- 3.13 Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations requires data to be gathered on biodiversity, population, human health, flora, fauna, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the inter-relationship between the above factors. As an integrated SA and SEA is being carried out, baseline information relating to other 'sustainability' topics has also been included; for example information about housing, education, transport, energy, waste and economic growth.
- 3.14 As with the review of relevant plans, policies and programmes, a number of amendments have been made to the baseline information since it was originally presented in the July 2014 SA Scoping Report in light of consultation comments received and to update the information, drawing on the most recent evidence sources. Certain parts of the baseline information have also been expanded to ensure that all of the SEA topics are adequately covered. The updated baseline information is presented in **Appendix 3**.

Key Sustainability Issues

- 3.15 A set of key sustainability issues for Melton Borough was identified during the Scoping stage of the SA and was presented in the July 2014 Scoping Report. In light of comments received during that consultation and the updated baseline information that has since been collated a small number of amendments have been made to the key sustainability issues. The key issues have also been reviewed to ensure that they link clearly to the baseline information and some of the issues have been reworded for clarity.
- 3.16 In recognition of the SEA Regulation requirement (Schedule 2) that the relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme must be described in the Environmental Report, **Table 3.1** overleaf describes the likely evolution of each key sustainability issue if the Melton Local Plan were not to be adopted.

Table 3.1: Key Sustainability Issues for the Melton Local Plan and likely evolution without the Plan

Key Sustainability Issue	Likely evolution of the issue without implementation of the Local Plan
The need for local communities to have responsibility for their areas.	Local community groups will continue to take responsibility. A number of Parish Councils within the Borough are preparing neighbourhood plans to help shape development within their local area. The NPPF supports the use of neighbourhood plans to give people power to deliver sustainable development at a local level. The neighbourhood plan must reflect the strategic policies of the Local Plan and as such the absence of a Local Plan at Borough level will mean the neighbourhood plans will lack authority.
The average age of the population is ageing.	The average age of the population at the end of the plan period will be an ageing population, if the new Local Plan does not encourage younger people to remain in the Borough, or encourage young families to migrate into the Borough. The NPPF requires that local authorities plan for housing for a variety of different types of people including older people and those with young families. This is to be achieved through the Local Plan and the provision of facilities such as appropriate housing which will not only cater for older people but also families with younger children will help to encourage the development of a more balanced population in the Melton in terms of age. Without the implementation of the new Local Plan this issue would therefore be less well addressed.
The need for housing that meets the needs of the local population.	Development of housing would happen but it would be less controlled, and would not deliver the desired outcome to meet the needs of the local community. The NPPF requires that an appropriate evidence base should be drawn upon to identify the local need for housing and where this housing should be located. Without this approach up to date policy would be lacking to accommodate local growth, meet demand for the identified 200 to 250 annual housing supply in the Borough and satisfy local requirements for housing type including affordable housing. Without the implementation of the new Local Plan this issue would therefore be less well addressed.
The need for affordable housing, due to average house prices being higher than the regional average.	The need for affordable housing would increase as house prices are expected to rise. Affordable housing and the right type of housing may not be delivered in the most appropriate locations where there is the most need. The NPPF requires that policy is set to meet affordable housing on site and as such the implementation of a new Local Plan would be required to achieve this aim. The Melton Local Plan 1999 through its Housing policies sought to negotiate the provision of affordable housing at allocated sites and also in areas where local need was identified; however housing affordability continues to be identified as a local issue. As such it is expected that this sustainability issue would continue to exist if the new Local Plan was not implemented.
The need to ensure that there is adequate site provision for Gypsies and Travellers.	Without providing sites for the Gypsy and Traveller community, the requirements of this specific group will not be met. The Melton Local Plan 1999 highlights that there are only occasional incursions of gypsy caravans into the Borough and as such did not allocate any sites. If the new Local Plan does not allocate any sites, the current local demand may not be met.
Accessibility and sustainable transport links need to be improved within the rural areas of the Borough.	The NPPF requires that both planning decisions and policies should take account of whether opportunities for sustainable transport modes have been fully realised. The Melton Plan 1999 provides support for development which makes appropriate use of public transport, pedestrian and cycling links particularly at major developments. However, the new Local Plan presents an opportunity to specify requirements for sustainable transport integration and promotion within future development. Without this approach being adopted, local sustainable transport provision is less likely to improve.
The need to attract higher knowledge	At present Melton shows a lower level of employment focussed in the higher knowledge service sector of the economy

Key Sustainability Issue	Likely evolution of the issue without implementation of the Local Plan
based industries to the Borough.	than the national average. Although the Melton Local Plan 1999 does not place an emphasis on the higher knowledge sector over other business uses it does allocate significant areas of the land for employment use and specific office use (B1 use class); however the Plan is out of date. Without the implementation of the new Local Plan this issue would therefore be less well addressed.
The need to increase the number of businesses locating in Melton.	The NPPF requires that local authorities plan proactively to allow for development to meet the needs of business. As such the Local Plan process should be used to meet this need. Without the implementation of the new Local Plan this issue would therefore be less well addressed.
The need to ensure the continuing regeneration of Melton Town Centre.	The NPPF does require that a sequential test be applied in the absence of an up-to-date Local Plan. This should help to mitigate the loss of town centre uses, however specific policies which protect these uses should allow for planned and more sustainable growth of Melton Mowbray town centre. Without the implementation of the new Local Plan this issue would therefore be less well addressed.
The need to maintain levels of tourism in the Borough while preventing any detrimental impact on the local environment.	The importance of tourism for the local economy will continue. The Melton Local Plan 1999 provides support for development which involves the extension, intensification or refurbishment of established tourist attractions and allows for the adaption of rural buildings for appropriate tourist use with consideration for surrounding countryside. As such the maintenance of an important local tourist sector is addressed through the current plan but a new Local Plan provides an opportunity for up to date policies to address this issue more effectively.
The need to stimulate the local economy, increasing economic growth and average earnings while addressing skills shortages within the Borough.	The Melton Plan 1999 supports development for new education facilities; however this approach did not result in a noticeable improvement in local skill levels or employment opportunities and as such a continued skill shortage is likely if a new relevant policy is not adopted.
The need to continue to protect and enhance human health, including a reduction in road traffic accidents.	Peoples' health in Melton is currently better than the national average and it is important to continue to improve this. If the new Local Plan was not implemented the NPPF promotes development which supports healthy communities through planning decisions which provide appropriate services and open spaces. The framework also promotes safe environments and it is expected that this approach would help to maintain the good quality of local health. However, a new Local Plan provides an opportunity for up to date policies to address this issue more effectively.
There is an identified lack of provision of open space facilities in the north and east of the Borough.	The north (particularly at Bottesford) and east of Melton are likely to continue to experience a local deficit in open space provision. The NPPF requires that Local Plans and planning decisions should promote high quality public space and policy should protect existing open space. As such this issue is addressed to some extent but the new Local Plan offers opportunities for up to date and locally specific policies. The Melton Plan 1999 did require residential development to make a contribution to playing space and amenity open space although given that these policies did not address this sustainability issue over the course of the Plan period it is expected that if the new Local Plan was not implemented the trend would continue.
The need to improve the condition of SSSIs in Borough most of which are currently in unfavourable condition.	The majority of the SSSIs within the Borough are in unfavourable recovering condition. The Melton Local Plan 1999 supports development in the countryside (where the majority of SSSIs are located) where it does not impact upon the conservation of the natural environment. The NPPF provides additional policy, requiring the planning system to contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. Given that 10 out of the 12 SSSIs which have been identified as being in unfavourable condition are currently recognised as improving it is expected that the condition of

Key Sustainability Issue	Likely evolution of the issue without implementation of the Local Plan
	these sites would continue to improve in the absence of the new Local Plan. However, the new Local Plan would provide additional specific support for local important biodiversity sites and as such would help to prevent any further sites falling in unfavourable condition.
The need to protect the limited amount of geodiversity which has been identified and designated within the Borough.	The NPPF does protect sites of mineral extraction giving weight to these areas in terms of economic value while geodiversity is expected to be protected through Local Plan policies. Therefore, without an up to date Local Plan addressing this issue, it would be less well addressed.
The need to manage flood risk.	The NPPF supports development which is not within areas of high flood risk and does not increase flood risk elsewhere. A sequential and exception test is to be applied when approaching the location of development through the Local Plan in relation to areas of flood risk. Development would be less controlled in relation to flood risk therefore if the Local Plan was not adopted and given that there are areas of high flood risk in the Borough this could potentially lead development being located within these areas, increasing flood risk in other areas.
The need to ensure that brownfield sites are redeveloped and the developments of greenfield sites are kept to a minimum.	The percentage of homes provided on previously land in the Borough fell from 50.3% in 2011/2012 to 15.6% in 2012/2013. The NPPF encourages the reuse of previously developed land which may help to ensure some reuse of local brownfield sites. However it is expected that allocating sites which are brownfield where possible through the Local Plan would result in the increased use of these sites
The need to protect and enhance the historic environment.	The NPPF requires that in determining planning applications, applicants are aware of heritage assets affected by development. However without allocating specific sites for housing, employment and other types of development in the Borough development is more likely to be proposed in areas which may affect the setting of heritage assets. The Melton Local Plan 1999 requires that development is sympathetic to the exist character of the area it is within and also protects Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas and the new Local Plan should build on these requirements with an up to date policy.
Areas of land which have been contaminated exist within the Borough and this issue needs to be considered when development is proposed.	The implementation of the plan is not expected to result in a change in the number of contaminated sites in the Borough. The NPPF provides mitigation for the effects of contaminated land on development, placing the responsibility for safe development of these types of sites with the developer. The implementation of the Local Plan should, however, guide development to appropriate sites through site allocation and specific local policy guidance.
The need to provide for the development of renewable energy locally.	The NPPF requires that local authorities have a proactive strategy to mitigating climate change. However there is also a requirement on the local authority to approve applications for renewable energy development if the impacts are acceptable or can be made so. As such without the implementation of the Local Plan development for renewable energy schemes is more likely to be proposed in a less coordinate manner and may potentially be in areas which are less suitable for this type of development in sustainability terms. This is particularly likely considering the NPPF's requirement for all communities to contribute to energy generation from renewable or low carbon sources.

4 SA Findings for the Policy Options

- 4.1 This chapter presents the SA findings for the policy options that have been considered for inclusion in the Melton Local Plan.
- 4.2 As described in **Chapter 2**, most of the policy options that were set out in the Issues and Options consultation document in 2014 were subject to SA by Melton Borough Council at the time and the findings were presented in the SA report for the Issues and Options. However, a small number of the options were not subject to SA at that time; therefore they were later appraised by LUC for completeness, prior to the Emerging Options consultation. In addition, the SA work that was undertaken by the Council at the Issues and Options stage in relation to the spatial strategy options was revised and updated by LUC prior to the Emerging Options consultation, in order to take account of the most recent evidence.
- 4.3 The additional SA work undertaken by LUC on the policy options after the Issues and Options stage was provided to Melton Borough Council in an internal summary note so that it could inform the preparation of the Emerging Options document, and it was later presented publicly in the SA report for the Emerging Options.
- 4.4 This chapter now draws together the SA work that has been undertaken for the policy options at both stages, i.e. the SA work undertaken by Melton Borough Council for the options in the Issues and Options document and the supplementary work undertaken by LUC prior to the Emerging Options consultation.

Revised SA findings for the spatial strategy options

- 4.5 This section summarises the findings of the supplementary SA work that was undertaken by LUC in relation to the policy options that were set out in Section 4 of the Issues and Options document, the Spatial Strategy. The detailed SA matrices can be found in **Appendix 9**. These options relate to the amount of development that should take place in Melton and how it should be distributed, and so are key options in terms of the preparation of the Local Plan.
- 4.6 As described in **Chapter 2** this supplementary SA work was undertaken on the basis of the revised SA framework i.e. the 17 SA objectives that were subject to consultation with the statutory consultees in July 2015. As well as allowing for the SA work on the spatial strategy options to be updated and expanded to take account of the latest available evidence, this additional stage of work provided an opportunity to examine how the options would perform against the revised set of SA objectives.
- 4.7 There were four key questions in the spatial strategy section of the Issues and Options consultation document that were subject to supplementary SA work by LUC prior to the Emerging Options consultation:

Q6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

- Option 1: Demographic based (195 dwellings per annum)
- Option 2: Mid-range (220 dwellings per annum)
- Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dwellings per annum)

Q7: How should Melton Borough grow?

- Option 1: Melton Mowbray focus: development focused on Melton Mowbray with small scale development in rural settlements.
- Option 2: Reduced Melton Borough focus: majority of development still in Melton Mowbray but with increased development in rural villages.

- Option 3: Dispersed development: increased development in settlements across the Borough with further reduction in development in Melton Mowbray.
- Option 4: The majority of development concentrated in one location.

Q8: How do you think that development in the Borough⁷ should be provided?

- Option 1: Concentrated in a single large development on the edge of town
- Option 2: Provided through a few larger developments
- Option 3: Development completely dispersed around the town

Q12: What do you think is the best approach to defining the roles of settlements in the form of a settlement hierarchy?

- Option 1: Establish settlement roles and a hierarchy based on the size of communities and the level of services and facilities provided within them, resulting in development being directed towards the large communities with services and restricting development in smaller communities with limited or no services.
- Option 2: Establish settlement roles and a hierarchy based on factors which in addition to individual roles recognise the relationships between communities e.g. hubs and satellites.

4.8 **Table 4.1** overleaf presents the SA scores for the Spatial Strategy options. The options that have now been taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are shown in **bold**.

⁷ Note that these options relate to how development should be provided at Melton Mowbray rather than within the whole Borough, which is considered separately under Question 7.

Table 4.1: SA scores for the Spatial Strategy options for the Local Plan

SA objective	Q6. What level of growth should there be?			Q7. How should Melton Borough grow?				Q8. How do you think development in the Borough ⁸ should be provided?			Q12. What should be the approach to defining the roles of settlements?	
	195 dwellings/year	220 dwellings/year	245 dwellings/year	Melton Mowbray focus	Reduced Melton Mowbray focus	Dispersed development	The majority of development in one location	Single large development on the edge of town	A few large developments	Completely dispersed around the town	Based on size of communities and available services	Recognise relationships between communities
1. Housing	+	++?	++	++/-	++/-	+/-	++/-	++	++	+	+	+/-?
2. Education	-	+	++	++/-	+	-?	+/-	++/-	++/-	+/-	++?	+
3. Sustainable transport	0	+	++	++	++	-?	+/-?	++	+	-?	++	-
4. Economy and employment	--	+	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Landscape	-?	-?	--?	+/-?	+/-?	-?	+/-?	--?	--?	-?	?	?
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	-?	-?	--?	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	--?	--?	-?	?	?
7. Cultural heritage	-?	-?	--?	--?	--?	-?	--?	+/-?	+/-?	-?	?	?
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	-?	-?	--?	--?	--?	-?	--?	--?	--?	-?	?	?
9. Access to services	0	0	0	++/-?	++/-?	--/+?	--/+?	++/-	++/-?	+/-	++	+
10. Social and economic inclusion	--	+	++	--/+	--/+	-	--	+	+	-	++	+/-
11. Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Waste	+	-?	-?	0?	0?	?	+/-?	0	0	+	0	0
13. Economic growth	--	++	++	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	0	0
14. Health	0	0	0	++/-	++/-	-	-/+?	++/-	++/-	-/+	++	+/-
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	0	0	0	++	++	-?	+/-?	++	++	-/+	++	-
16. Flood risk	?	?	?	-?	-?	?	-?	--?	--?	+/-?	0	0
17. Water quality	0	0	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	0

⁸ Note that these options relate to how development should be provided at Melton Mowbray rather than within the whole Borough, which is considered separately under Question 7.

Q6: What level of growth should there be?

- 4.9 The likely effects of the options for the level of growth to take place in Melton were found to be very mixed – under all three options housing development would take place to meet at least the minimum level of objectively assessed housing need which would have positive effects on **housing** (SA objective 1). However, under Option 1 the level of housing growth would not be sufficient to support economic growth in the Borough; therefore a minor rather than significant positive effect was likely in relation to housing and significant negative effects were likely in relation to the **economy and employment** (SA objective 4), **social and economic inclusion** (SA objective 10) and **economic growth** (SA objective 13). Conversely the highest growth option, Option 3, would deliver housing growth at a level that would support the growth of Melton’s economy and therefore significant positive effects were likely in relation to the economic SA objectives. All three options for the level of growth could have negative effects on the **landscape** (SA objective 5), **biodiversity** (SA objective 6), **cultural heritage** (SA objective 7) and the **efficient use of land** (SA objective 8) because they would all result in the development of a large number of homes over the Plan period which could negatively affect the environment. Under Option 3, the effects could be significant due to the higher level of housing development that would occur. However, in all cases the potential negative effects were found to be uncertain as they would depend on the exact location and design of the new housing and there may be opportunities to mitigate the negative effects.

Q7: How should Melton Borough grow?

- 4.10 The effects of the options for how Melton Borough should grow are also very mixed. Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray (under Option 1 in particular but also under Option 2) would have positive effects on several of the SA objectives as there would be better opportunities to use **sustainable transport** (SA objective 3) which can also benefit **health** (SA objective 14) and levels of **greenhouse gas emissions** (SA objective 15) and people would have easier **access to services** (SA objective 9). However, focussing most development at the town would limit opportunities to support rural communities through new development and could further draw economic and social activities towards Melton Mowbray to the detriment of the health and vitality of the rural villages. Therefore, while Option 3 (dispersed development) would have largely negative effects due to the likely higher level of car use and less good access to services, jobs and facilities for most people, there would also be some potential minor positive effects in relation to improving access to housing and services in rural areas.

Q8: How do you think development in the Borough should be provided?

- 4.11 In terms of how development should be provided at Melton Mowbray, the effects of Options 1 and 2 were found to be largely similar as both would focus development in a small number of larger sites, particularly under Option 1 which would involve having a single large development. This approach could have positive effects in terms of improved **access to services** (SA objective 9) and **employment** opportunities (SA objective 4) as it should be possible to develop relatively self-contained settlements where journey lengths are shorter and car use is not required as much. This would have further benefits for **health** (SA objective 14) and reduced **greenhouse gas emissions** (SA objective 15). However, the effects of a small number of larger developments on the environment could be more significant and potential significant negative effects were therefore identified in relation to Options 1 and 2 for the **landscape** (SA objective 5), **biodiversity** (SA objective 6) **cultural heritage** (SA objective 7) and **efficient use of land** (SA objective 8). Distributing development more widely around the town (Option 3) was found to be likely to have largely minor negative effects as there would be less opportunity to develop relatively self-contained new settlements where there is the critical mass of people required to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities.

Q12. What should be the approach to defining the roles of settlements?

- 4.12 The options for defining the roles of settlements in the Local Plan are likely to have negligible effects on a number of the SA objectives, because of their specific nature. However, Option 1 could have significant positive effects on **education** (SA objective 2), **sustainable transport** (SA objective 3), **access to services** (SA objective 9), **social and economic inclusion** (SA objective 10), **health** (SA objective 14) and **greenhouse gas emissions** (SA objective 15). This is because new development is likely to be focussed in the towns and villages that provide

the best access to existing services and facilities, reducing the need to travel. Under Option 2 the likely effects were found to be quite mixed because, while development would also be located in areas where services and facilities are generally accessible, they may be in a nearby town or village rather than within the same settlement as the housing and therefore journeys may be longer in comparison to Option 1. Opportunities to walk and cycle day to day are also likely to be more limited as people are more likely to need to travel between settlements.

Options taken forward in the Local Plan

- 4.13 The options that have now been taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are shown in **bold** in **Table 4.1** above.
- 4.14 The effects of the higher level of housing growth (Q6) which has been taken forward in the Local Plan through policy SS2 are more pronounced than those of the two rejected options, with more significant positive effects on the social and economic SA objectives being likely but also more **potential** significant negative effects on the environmental SA objectives. However, the dividing line between where a certain level of growth would result in significant rather than minor effects is difficult to quantify and the scores for the three options are comparative, seeking to identify the likely differences between the options. The potential significant negative effects of the selected option were largely uncertain as it was recognised that effects would depend to some extent on the specific locations of housing development – this has been considered further through the SA of site allocations (see **Chapters 5, 6 and 7**).
- 4.15 In terms of how Melton Borough should grow (Q7), the selected option which has been taken forward through policy SS2 (reduced Melton Mowbray focus) would have very similar effects to one of the rejected options (Melton Mowbray focus) but generally more positive effects than the other two rejected options (dispersed development and the majority of development in one location). Both of the options that would focus most development at Melton Mowbray perform well in terms of the access that people would have to the jobs, services and facilities that are located there, although effects are in many cases mixed as it is recognised that the potential benefits of new development would not extend to other parts of the Borough. While this would be the case under the other two rejected options, the sustainability benefits of focussing most development at Melton Mowbray can be seen to outweigh the benefits of more dispersed development. The selected option goes slightly less far than the first rejected option in terms of how much development would be focussed at Melton Mowbray, and so some of the benefits of more dispersed development may still be achieved through that option.
- 4.16 In terms of how development at Melton Mowbray should be provided (Q8), the likely effects of the selected option which has been taken forward through policies SS4 and SS5 (a few large developments) are almost identical to the first rejected option (a single large development), but are notably more positive than for the second rejected option (completely dispersed around the town). The reasons why the options involving more focussed development have scored more positively than the dispersed development option were described earlier in this section. The Council considers the selected option to be preferable in terms of transport as it facilitates the delivery of a greater proportion of the necessary highways infrastructure than a single location would. Evidence has demonstrated that the congestion issues in the town require a link from the arterial roads entering at one end linking to the other whilst avoiding the congested town centre areas. In effect this means that three 'legs' are required (across the north of the town linking the A606 to the A607, across the south linking the same two A roads and the connection of these two links on a north/south axis. The selected option facilitates two of these three vital links, whilst the option of a single location would achieve only one.
- 4.17 The selected option for the approach to defining the roles of settlements has been taken forward within the Spatial Strategy section of the Local Plan and can be seen to perform better than the rejected option in SA terms. Likely significant positive effects were identified for six of the SA objectives, while this was not the case for any of the SA objectives under the rejected alternative option.

SA findings from the Issues and Options stage

- 4.18 **Tables 4.2-4.22** below present the SA findings for the policy options that were subject to SA by Melton Borough Council at the Issues and Options stage. The detailed SA matrices which include justifications for the scores given can be found in the SA Report for the Issues and Options. The colour coding used in the tables is slightly different to that used in the Issues and Options report but is consistent with that used elsewhere in this SA report for ease of reference. The score symbols are unchanged since they originally appeared in the Issues and Options SA Report.
- 4.19 Note that the spatial strategy options (consultation questions 6, 7 and 8 from the Issues and Options document) were originally appraised at this stage although that work was later superseded by LUC's updated appraisal of those options (presented in the previous section). Therefore, the original SA work for those options from the Issues and Options stage is not included here.
- 4.20 The SA work that was undertaken at the Issues and Options stage and is presented in this section was based on the SA framework as it was at the time, i.e. prior to the amendments that were consulted on and made by LUC in 2015. In the Issues and Options SA Report, not every option was scored in relation to every SA objective – this was explained in paragraph 7.3 of the SA Report which stated that *'where there is no overall effect indicated, these have been excluded from the appraisal framework...to ensure this SA Report is as concise as possible'*. For clarity, **Tables 4.2-4.22** below show negligible effects ('0') where this was the case.
- 4.21 Within the tables, references to ST, MT and LT refer to whether the identified effects will be experienced over the short, medium or long-term. As defined in the SA Report for the Issues and Options, short term was taken to be 0-10 years, medium term was between 10 and 25 years and long term was more than 25 years.
- 4.22 The options (or closest options) that have now been taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are shown in **bold** and this is explained in the text under each table.

Table 4.2: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 15: should the affordable housing threshold change?

SA objectives	Option 1: Remain at 6 or more units			Option 2: Reduce the threshold – less than 6 units			Option 3: Increase the threshold – upwards of 6 units		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	++	++	++	+	+	+
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan									
Option 3 has now been taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan through policy C4 which sets out the affordable housing target that will apply									

SA objectives	Option 1: Remain at 6 or more units	Option 2: Reduce the threshold – less than 6 units	Option 3: Increase the threshold – upwards of 6 units
to developments of 11 or more units. The Council took this option forward because changes to the National Planning Practice Guidance that took effect in May 2016 prevent the use of s106 obligations for affordable housing on schemes of less than 11 units, effectively ruling out the other options.			

Table 4.3: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 16: Should Melton continue to require house builders to provide 40% of total units delivered as affordable housing?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes continue to seek 40% affordable housing contributions from developments			Option 2: No to 40% affordable housing contributions from developments		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	+	+	+
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	+	+	+
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	?	?	?	?	?	?
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	?	?	?
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	?	?	?
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	?	?	?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes continue to seek 40% affordable housing contributions from developments	Option 2: No to 40% affordable housing contributions from developments
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Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy C4) requires a 37% contribution from developers, which is closest to Option 1. Option 1 performed more positively than the rejected option 2 in the SA.

Table 4.4: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 17: Should Melton continue with its approach to Rural Exception Sites?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes			Option 2: No		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	-	-	-
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	?	?	?	?	?	?
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	-	-	-	?	?	?
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-	-	-	?	?	?
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	?	?	?
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	-	-	-
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	-	-	-
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	?	?	?
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	-	-	-

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes			Option 2: No		
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	?	?	?
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy C5) sets out the Council’s approach to rural exception sites, taking forward Option 1. Option 1 performed more positively than the rejected option 2 in the SA.						

Table 4.5: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 18: Should Melton allow the inclusion of market homes on Rural Exception sites to cross-subsidy the provision of affordable homes?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes			Option 2: No		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	-	-	-
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy C5) sets out the Council’s approach to rural exception sites, taking forward Option 1. Option 1 performed more						

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes	Option 2: No
positively than the rejected option 2 in the SA.		

Table 4.6: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 19: What is the best approach to meeting the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Melton Borough?

SA objectives	Option 1: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on one site			Option 2: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on two or more small sites			Option 3: Set a site threshold for contributions towards pitch provision from larger housing developments		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SA objectives	Option 1: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on one site			Option 2: Allocate land to meet all identified needs on two or more small sites			Option 3: Set a site threshold for contributions towards pitch provision from larger housing developments		
economic growth.									
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan									
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy C6) sets out the Council's approach to Gypsy and Traveller sites. None of the three options previously appraised have been taken forward, as the identified local need for Gypsy and Traveller sites has been met through planning applications granted in 2015 and 2016; therefore there is no current need to allocate further sites and a criteria-based approach has been taken.									

Table 4.7: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 24: Where should employment be located?

SA objectives	Option 1: Continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds and Asfordby			Option 2: Direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	-	-	-
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	-	-	-
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	-	-	-
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	+	+	?	?	?
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	+	+	+	?	?	?
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	-	-	-
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	+	+	+	+

SA objectives	Option 1: Continue to focus mainly in Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Waltham on the Wolds and Asfordby			Option 2: Direct more employment development to smaller villages and the rural area		
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	?	?	?
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	-	-	-
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	+	+	?	?	?
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	-	-	-
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EC1) takes forward Option 1. Option 1 performed more positively than the rejected option 2 in the SA.						

Table 4.8: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 25: How should additional employment and premises be provided in and around Melton Mowbray?

SA objectives	Option 1: A single large business park			Option 2: A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	-	-	-
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	-	-	-

SA objectives	Option 1: A single large business park			Option 2: A number of smaller allocations as expansions to existing employment areas or as part of mixed use development		
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	+	+	+	-	-	-
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	+	+	+	+	+
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	+	+	+	+	+	+
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	?	?	?
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	?	?	?	?	?
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	0	0	0
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	?	?	?
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	?	?	?
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	+	+	?	?	?
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	?	?	?

Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EC1) takes forward Option 2. Option 2 did not perform as positively as the rejected option 1 in the SA. However, the Council has taken forward Option 2 because it reflects the composition of the local economy in terms of the number of 'start up' businesses and SME's. The need is for a variety of type and location of stock, offering different composition, size, location and tenureship to accommodate the diverse nature and bespoke requirements that make up a disproportionate element of the local economy. A large business park would tend to be more homogenous in character and offer less flexibility and choice.

Table 4.9: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 34: What approach should the Local Plan take to protect the Borough’s landscape?

SA objectives	Option 1: Including a criteria based policy that is applicable to both rural and urban areas			Option 2: Identifying areas of specific landscape character by setting out what makes them special, and the policies that should apply		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	++	++	++
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	+	++	++	++
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	++	++	++
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN1) takes forward Option 1. Option 1 did not perform as positively as the rejected Option 2 in the SA. However, the Council decided to take forward that option because the NPPF does not support local landscape designations and the Local Plan must be in conformity with national planning policy.						

Table 4.10: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 36: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the green infrastructure of the Borough?

SA objectives	Option 1: All new development be expected to contribute towards the provision of additional green infrastructure			Option 2: Identify specific opportunities for major development proposals in the Local Plan to provide additional green infrastructure		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	++	++	+	+	+
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	++	++	++	+	+	+
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	+	+	+
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	++	++	+	+	+
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	+	+	+
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	+	+	+
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	++	++	++	+	+	+
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	+	+	+
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	+	+	+
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN3) takes forward a combination of both Options 1 and 2.						

Table 4.11: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 37: How should the Local Plan ensure that Local Green Spaces are protected?

SA objectives	Option 1: Develop a criteria-based policy approach to development that is applicable to all development sites			Option 2: Designate specific land through the Local Plan where it accords with the requirements of the NPPF		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	++	++	++
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	+	++	++	++
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	++	++	++
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	+	+	+	++	++	++
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	++	++	++
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	++	++	++

Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN5) takes forward Option 2. The Local Plan designates Local Green Space where these meet the NPPF criteria for designation. Policy EN5 also encourages Neighbourhood Plans to make designations where evidence supports this.

Table 4.12: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 38: How do you think the Local Plan should consider allotments?

SA objectives	Option 1: Protect all allotment sites from development			Option 2: Create a policy which would only allow for development of allotment sites in specific circumstances		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	+	+	+
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	++	++	++
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	++	++	++	++	++
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	+	+	+
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	++	++	++
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	+	+	+
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	+	+	+	+	+	+
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	++	++	++
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	++	++	++
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan does not directly take forward either Options 1 or 2; rather it provides for the provision of additional allotment space where required. This is because the Council considers that allotments have sufficient protection through other legislative regimes and within the Borough are in the ownership of the Borough and Parish Councils and as such sufficient protection is afforded.						

Table 4.13: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 39: Should new strategic development be required to provide new allotment space?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes			Option 2: No		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	-	-	-
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	--	--	--
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	++	++	--	--	--
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	-	-	-
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	--	--	--
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	-	-	-
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	+	+	+	-	-	-
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	--	--	--
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	--	--	--

Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN7) takes forward Option 1 which scored more positively than the rejected Option 2 in the SA.

Table 4.14: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 41: Do you think that a specific policy is required in the Local Plan to ensure existing recreation provisions are maintained?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes			Option 2: No		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	--	--	--
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++	++	++	--	--	--
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	++	++	--	--	--
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	--	--	--
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	++	++	++	-	-	-
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	+	+	-	-	-
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++	--	--	--
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	-	-	-

Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN7) takes forward Option 1 which scored more positively than the rejected Option 2 in the SA.

Table 4.15: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 44: Should the Local Plan contain a policy which encourages District Heating systems to be developed on large sites or as part of a new settlement, in order to reduce carbon emissions?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes			Option 2: No		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	?	?	?
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	-	-	-
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	?	?	?	?	?
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	-	-	-
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	-	-	-
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	-	-	-
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN7) takes forward Option 1 which scored more positively than the rejected Option 2 in the SA.						

Table 4.16: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 46: Should the Local Plan seek to ensure higher standards for water efficiency than those set out in the Building Regulations or the Code for Sustainable Homes?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes			Option 2: No		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	-	-	-
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	-	-	-
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	+	+	+	-	-	-
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	-	-	-
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	-	-	-

Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN9) requires development proposals to incorporate water efficiency measures and, although it does not directly take forward either Option 1 or 2, the approach taken is closest to Option 1. The measures cited in policy EN9 (the use of efficient appliances, rainwater recycling and, water butts and underground storage tanks, where technically feasible) are not requirements of the Building Regulations and are therefore an enhancement above normal standards. Option 1 scored more positively in the SA than Option 2.

Table 4.17: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 47: Should the Local Plan encourage the provision of sustainable show homes as part of larger residential developments?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes			Option 2: No		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+	+	+	?	?	?
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	+	+	+	?	?	?
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	?	?	?
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	?	?	?	?	?
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	++	++	++	-	-	-
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	-	-	-
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	-	-	-

Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan takes forward Option 2 and does not include a policy requirement of this nature. This approach scored less well in the SA than the rejected Option 1. However, the Council decided to take forward this approach because, since the Issues and Options consultation, changes to Part L of the Building Regulations require homes to be built to a higher technical standard for energy efficiency. As a result, Option 2 did not receive strong support during consultation.

Table 4.18: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 50: How should the Local Plan consider the impact of renewable technologies?

SA objectives	Option 1: Use standard development management policies			Option 2: Use a specific renewables policy		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	?	?	?	?	?	?
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	?	?	?	+	+	+
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	+	+	+	+
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	+	+	+
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	?	?	?	+	+	+
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	?	?	?	+	+	+
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	++	++	++
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN10) takes forward Option 2 which scored more positively than the rejected Option 1 in the SA.						

Table 4.19: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 51: How should the Local Plan use the information from the landscape capacity and sensitivity study?

SA objectives	Option 1: Identify suitable areas for renewable energy			Option 2: Criteria based renewable energy policies		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	?	?	?	?	?	?
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	?	?	?
8. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	+	?	?	?
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	?	?	?
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	+	+	+
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++	+	+	+
Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan						
The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy EN10) takes forward Option 1 which scored more positively than the rejected Option 2 in the SA.						

Table 4.20: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 52: In planning for new development, how much weight should the Local Plan give to flood risk relative to other objectives (including sustainability, regeneration, local need and the local economy)?

SA objectives	Option 1: No development in flood risk areas			Option 2: Allow some development in flood risk areas			Option 3: Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations		
	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	-	-	-	+	+	+	++	++	++
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	+	+	-	-	-	--	--	--
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	-	-	-	+	+	+	++	++	++
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	+	+	-	-	-	--	--	--
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+	-	-	-	--	--	--
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	+	+	-	-	-	--	--	--
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	+	+	-	-	-	--	--	--
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	+	+	+	-	-	-	--	--	--

SA objectives	Option 1: No development in flood risk areas	Option 2: Allow some development in flood risk areas	Option 3: Flood risk should not outweigh other considerations
<p>Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan</p> <p>The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (various policies) takes forward Option 2 which scored more positively than the rejected Option 3 in the SA but less positively than the other rejected Option 1. Although the Local Plan allows for some development in flood prone areas, policies within the document build in mitigation, for example through the requirements of the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan. The Council decided to take forward Option 2 because the Local Plan has taken into account other sustainability objectives, notably the need for economic growth and the resultant housing requirement of 245 dwellings per annum. In order for the Local Plan to provide flexibility in the delivery of this housing requirement, sites have been allocated in areas at risk of flooding where site-specific mitigation is possible and new development can be made safe.</p>			

Table 4.21: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 52: Should the Borough Council adopt the BREEAM standards for non-residential developments?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes		
	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	0
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	+	+	+
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes		
	ST	MT	LT
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	++	++	++

Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan does not take forward the 'yes' option that was subject to SA at Issues and Options stage. This is because since the Issues and Options consultation, changes to Part L of the Building Regulations have resulted in a higher technical standard for energy efficiency for new buildings. As a result, Option 2 did not receive strong support during consultation.

Table 4.22: SA scores for Issues and Options consultation question 52: Should the Local Plan require a proportion of new development to meet the lifetime homes standard?

SA objectives	Option 1: Yes		
	ST	MT	LT
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	++	++
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	0
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	0
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	0
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	++	++
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	0

Option taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (policy C9) takes forward Option 1.

SA findings for the additional policy options

- 4.23 This section presents the SA findings for a small number of policy options that were presented in the Issues and Options consultation document in 2014 but that were not subject to SA by Melton Borough Council at that time. For some of the policy options where this was the case, SA work could not be carried out as the options presented did not comprise distinct alternatives approaches that could be subject to appraisal. However, in some cases the options could reasonably be appraised and this work was therefore undertaken by LUC prior to the Emerging Options consultation in 2015.
- 4.24 As described in **Chapter 2**, the SA framework that was used for the SA of the Issues and Options in 2014 was slightly different to the current version (prior to the amendments made by LUC and subject to consultation in summer 2015). For consistency with the earlier options appraisal work, these policy options were subject to SA using the original SA framework which comprised 16 SA objectives.
- 4.25 Options relating to eight consultation questions from the Issues and Options document were subject to SA by LUC prior to the Emerging Options consultation and the findings are described in this section:

Q14: What do you think is the best approach for achieving a housing mix that is suited to current and future housing needs?

- Option 1: Continue with the current approach of ensuring all housing provision meets specifically identified housing needs, as identified by evidence such as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment.
- Option 2: Consider housing mix on a site by site basis, in conjunction with a site size threshold.

Q61: What policy approach should the Local Plan take to achieving a high quality design in the Borough?

- Option 1: Set out an over-arching design policy for the whole Borough applicable to any part of the Borough.
- Option 2: Set specific design criteria for specific locations and specify design criteria for each of the site allocations within the Local Plan.
- Option 3: Allow local communities to develop design guidance for their villages.

Q63: How should the Local Plan address gateways and through routes of Melton Mowbray?

- Option 1: Include a specific policy which deals with gateways and through routes to Melton Mowbray Town Centre.
- Option 2: Deal with gateways and through routes to Melton Mowbray Town Centre in an overarching design policy covering all types of developments.

Q68: How should village envelopes be taken forward through the Local Plan?

- Option 1: To review all the existing village envelopes and adjust them through the Local Plan process.
- Option 2: Have defined envelopes for specific villages as a tool to limit development and have the criteria based approach in villages where development would be encouraged in accordance with the spatial strategy for the Borough.
- Option 3: Not have defined town or village envelopes, and have a detailed policy setting out criteria for use in assessing each proposal on its merits using criteria.

Q72: Should the Local Plan contain a policy on housing density?

- Option 1: Set local density standards, with broad density ranges for different areas of the Borough.
- Option 2: Ensure, on a site by site basis, that development achieves the optimum level of density appropriate to the sites location, context, infrastructure and public transport accessibility.
- Option 3: Set out densities for each allocated site and a series of criteria against which to assess unallocated sites.

Q73: The Borough Council currently relies on the NPPF for guidance on heritage assets when determining planning applications. How should the new Melton Borough Local Plan consider Heritage Assets?

- Option 1: Individual policies addressing historic landscapes, archaeological sites, listed Buildings and their settings and conservation areas.
- Option 2: A single policy regarding the protection of all heritage assets and to retain Conservation Areas as set out in the current Melton Borough Local Plan.
- Option 3: Continue to rely on the detail contained with the NPPF and National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG).

Q77: How should the Local Plan ensure a range of appropriate uses are provided for in the Town Centre to ensure its offer, viability and vitality is maintained?

- Option 1: Include a policy or policies which within the Town Centre restricts any continuous frontages (primary or secondary) to specific uses and concentrations of single uses.
- Option 2: Adopt a more flexible approach considering each proposal on its merits and its ability to add to the offer, vitality and viability of the Town Centre.

Q79: How should the Local Plan deal with proposals for equestrian related development in the rural area?

- Option 1: By relying on general policies that cover development in rural areas.
- Option 2: A specific policy to cover the development of all stables and equestrian activity.

4.26 The SA findings for these policy options are presented in **Table 4.23** overleaf. The options that have now been taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are shown in **bold**. The detailed SA matrices can be found in **Appendix 9**.

Table 4.23: SA scores for the Local Plan options not appraised at Issues and Options stage

SA objective	Housing mix		High quality design			Gateways and through routes		Village envelopes			Housing density			Heritage assets			Town centre uses		Equestrian development	
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2
1. Housing	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	+/-	+/-	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Sustainable transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	?	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Learning and enterprise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Social inclusion	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	?	?	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Economy	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-?	+	-?
6. Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-?	+	-?
7. Natural environment	0	0	+	++	++	0	0	++/-	++/-	++/-	+	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
8. Historic environment	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+/-	+/-	+/-	0	0	0	++	+	0	0	0	0	+
9. Efficient use of resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	+	+	?	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Community facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-?	+	0
11. Economic inclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-?	+	0
12. Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Waste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Economic growth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Climate change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	?	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- 4.27 The specific nature of these policy options means that a large number of negligible effects were identified for many of the SA objectives. Positive effects on **housing** (SA objective 1) are expected to result from both of the options for housing mix as both Options 1 and 2 would seek to deliver a mix of housing types within new developments. Option 1 is likely to have a significant positive effect as it would involve following the current approach which has been proven successful in delivering a mix of housing and addressing demand for smaller and single storey dwellings in particular. Option 2 would have a minor rather than significant positive effect because, although it would involve requiring some element of housing mix, there would be more flexibility meaning that a suitable mix may be less likely to be delivered, particularly where the viability of developments would be affected.
- 4.28 In relation to the approach to achieving high quality design, Options 2 and 3 would both have significant positive effects on the **natural environment** (SA objective 7) as they would involve setting detailed design criteria relevant to specific locations within the Borough, which would be particularly effective in ensuring that new development is suitably designed and in keeping with its surroundings, thereby avoiding adverse impacts on local character. Option 1 would still involve setting design criteria and would provide a clear and consistent framework for developers; therefore it would have a positive effect on SA objective 7. However, this effect would be minor rather than significant as the guidance would be generic for the whole Borough and would not reflect local circumstances at the lower level.
- 4.29 For the approach to gateways and through routes in Melton Mowbray, Option 1 was found to be likely to have a minor positive effect on **social inclusion** (SA objective 4), the **economy** (SA objective 5) and the **historic environment** (SA objective 8) as including a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing this issue would help to improve the appearance of gateways into Melton Mowbray and so could enhance the overall impression of the town for visitors, boosting the tourism economy and encouraging investment. This approach would also improve the quality of the built environment and would therefore benefit the setting of heritage assets. Option 2 would have negligible effects on all of the SA objectives as not including a policy in the Local Plan addressing gateways and through routes would mean that opportunities to bring about benefits would be lost but negative effects would not be expected to occur.
- 4.30 The options for the approach to defining village envelopes would have fairly mixed effects on the SA objectives. While continuing to define envelopes for all villages that currently have one (Option 1) would provide clarity for developers about where development is generally acceptable and should be an effective way of avoiding development in inappropriate locations, it is less flexible than a criteria-based policy (Option 3) which would address a number of specific sustainability topics within the criteria. However, the effects of Option 1 were to some extent uncertain depending on what factors would be taken into account in the review and update of the village envelopes policy for the new Local Plan. The effects of Option 2 were found to be part way between those of Options 1 and 3 as the approach would involve a hybrid of those two options.
- 4.31 In relation to the options for the Local Plan approach to housing density, Option 1 would have a minor positive effect on **housing** (SA objective 1) as it define broad density ranges for different areas of the Borough and so would take into account locally specific circumstances to some extent but not at the very local (site) level. Option 2 involves determining the optimum housing density on a site by site basis which would help to ensure the viability of the development and encourage housing delivery. However, stipulating the optimum housing density may conflict with the housing needs of a local community in terms of the type of housing delivered. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect was therefore identified. Similarly to Option 2, Option 3 is likely to have mixed effects on housing as it will tailor housing density ranges at the site level, although in this case only for allocated sites. Options 2 and 3 would also have potential positive effects on **sustainable transport** (SA objective 2), **social inclusion** (SA objective 4) and the **natural environment** (SA objective 7). This is because those options would take into account a range of relevant factors when determining appropriate housing densities on a site by site basis.
- 4.32 The three options for the approach to be taken in the Local Plan to the protection of heritage assets would have largely negligible effects due to their specific nature. However, Option 1 would have a significant positive effect on the **historic environment** (SA objective 8) as providing a high level of detail in separate policies addressing historic landscapes, archeologically sites, Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas would go a long way towards helping to conserve and even enhance Melton's heritage assets. Option 2 is likely to have a minor rather than significant

positive effect on SA objective 8 as a single policy protecting all types of heritage assets would still help to ensure that Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings are protected and where possible enhanced; however effects may be less significant where a single generic policy for all types of heritage assets is used. A negligible effect is likely to result from Option 3 as the absence of a policy is unlikely to affect any of the SA objectives – while opportunities to bring about more positive effects would be missed, negative effects are not expected as guidance in the NPPF relating to the historic environment would still apply to all new development in Melton Borough.

- 4.33 Option 1 relating to town centre uses could have minor negative effects on the **economy** (SA objective 5) and **employment** (SA objective 6) as well as **access to facilities** (SA objective 10) and **economic inclusion** (SA objective 11) as town centre uses along continuous frontages would be restricted to specific uses – this approach could result in high vacancy rates if demand for those uses is low. Under Option 2 there would be more flexibility to consider proposals individually, seeking to increase the range of business in the town centre and benefitting vitality allowing for market forces to be responded to.
- 4.34 In relation to the policy options for equestrian development, Option 1 could have minor negative effects on the **economy** (SA objective 5) and **employment** (SA objective 6). This is because the option would involve relying on general rural development policies in the Local Plan when assessing applications for equestrian facilities. This could mean that there is a less clear framework for applicants considering this type of proposal which could hinder the development of appropriate proposals which can otherwise benefit the rural economy. However, general rural development policies should still provide some guidance. Under Option 2 a specific policy would be included in the Local Plan addressing equestrian development proposals and so there would be a clearer framework for applicants considering this type of proposal which could mean that appropriate applications are more likely to be successful, to the benefit of the rural economy and employment. However, this approach may also result in more restrictive criteria applying, hindering equestrian developments. A potential but uncertain mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect was therefore identified in relation to the rural economy and new business formation for Option 2.

Options taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

- 4.35 The policy options that have now been taken forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are shown in **bold** in **Table 4.23** earlier in this section.
- 4.36 In relation to some of the options, the selected options performed more positively in the SA – this is the case for the options for housing mix, village envelopes, equestrian developments and town centre uses. However, for the other policy options, the approaches taken did not score as well in the SA as the alternative options considered. The Council's reasons for taking forward the options chosen are summarised below.

High quality design

- 4.37 The Local Plan has taken forward a combination of all the options. Policy D1 is an overarching design policy for the whole Borough. Policy EN1 requires proposals to respond to design guidance in the individual assessments of settlement fringe sensitivity in the 'Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study' for all settlements with site allocations. Policy EN1 provides a hook for Neighbourhood Plans to use the design guidance in the Study to inform design policies for individual parishes.

Gateways and through routes

- 4.38 In the supporting text to Policy D1 at 9.4.3, the Local Plan states that "*a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will be prepared to provide more detailed advice and guidance about what is considered to be good design in a local context*". This will include specific design guidance on the gateways and through routes of Melton Mowbray. In addition, assessments of settlement fringe sensitivity in the 'Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study' take into account gateways to a settlement in the criteria and provide design guidance for development in Melton Mowbray.

Housing Density:

- 4.39 Option 2 has been taken forward, but not as a specific policy on density. Policy D1(a) requires that siting and layout must be sympathetic to the character of the area; in the supporting text at Para 9.4.9 (g) this is qualified - the density of new development should be sympathetic to its context but should also seek to maximise the use of land as a scarce resource. In addition, each site allocation indicates the number of dwellings to be delivered on site which takes into account density.

Heritage Assets

- 4.40 The supporting text to Policy EN13 requires that all development proposals refer to the Historic Urban Character Assessment Report for Melton Mowbray and the Historic Environment Record, such that the over-arching heritage policy is applied at the local level of individual assets. In addition, policy EN1 requires proposals to respond to design guidance in the individual assessments of settlement fringe sensitivity in the 'Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study' for all settlements with site allocations which takes into account historic landscapes.

SA of the Emerging Options

- 4.41 The SA findings for the policy options summarised above were taken into account by Melton Borough Council as it prepared the Emerging Options version of the Local Plan, which was published for consultation between January and April 2016. The more detailed draft policies and preferred site allocations in the Emerging Options document were then subject to SA by LUC and the findings were presented in the November 2015 SA Report for the Emerging Options.
- 4.42 In general, the draft policies in the Emerging Options document were very similar to those now included in the current Pre-Submission Draft consultation document – many of the policies have only had minor wording amendments. Therefore, the detail of the SA findings for the policies and site allocations in the Emerging Options document is not repeated here. The detailed SA matrices for the policies and site allocations in the Emerging Options can be found in the November 2015 SA Report.
- 4.43 Only one new policy has been added to the Local Plan since the Emerging Options stage (EC6: Primary Shopping Frontages). Policy C1: Housing Allocations has also been split into parts A and B which relate to allocated and reserve sites respectively. One policy has been removed from the Local Plan since the Emerging Options stage, EC4: Asfordby Business Park and Holwell Works. This policy was removed because Asfordby Business Park and Holwell Works are already covered in Policy EC3 at EC3 (ii) and EC3 (iii).
- 4.44 The SA matrices that were prepared for the Emerging Options have now been updated to reflect the changes that have been made to the policies and site allocations in the Pre-Submission Draft consultation document. In addition, SA matrices have now been prepared for each of the allocated and reserve sites listed in policy C1. At the Emerging Options stage, the sites were listed in the policy but no further detail was provided about how they would be developed. Appendix D in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan now includes detailed policies for each allocated and reserve site. Therefore the SA matrices that were originally prepared for the allocated and reserve site options have been updated to take into account this extra information, as well as recent evidence that has become available through the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study⁹. The SA matrices for the site allocations policies now included in the Local Plan can be found in **Appendix 11** of this SA report.
- 4.45 The SA findings for the policies in the Pre-Submission Draft consultation document are presented in **Chapter 7** and the key changes to the SA findings that have resulted from changes to the Local Plan since the Emerging Options stage are summarised at the end of that chapter.

⁹ WYG (September 2016) Addendum to Melton Borough Council Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study Issued December 2015 (Addendum 1: Allocation and Reserve Sites)

5 Sustainability Appraisal Findings for the Large-Scale Site Options

- 5.1 This chapter describes the SA findings for the options for large-scale sites to be allocated in the emerging Melton Local Plan. This SA work was undertaken in summer 2015 and was provided to the Council in an internal SA note at the time so that it could inform decision making about which sites to take forward in the Local Plan, prior to the Emerging Options consultation. The SA findings were later presented publicly in the SA Report for the Emerging Options. The chapter has been updated since the Emerging Options stage to refer to which sites are now included as allocations in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan and to clearly describe how the sustainability performance of those sites compares with the rejected options. However, the SA scores for the sites have not changed and no additional options have been identified and subject to SA.
- 5.2 A total of 12 reasonable alternative large-scale site options were subject to SA. The following seven options are for directions of growth or Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs), also referred to as 'Sustainable Neighbourhoods', directly adjacent to the edge of Melton Mowbray:
- Melton East (direction of growth)
 - Melton West (direction of growth)
 - Melton North (SUE)
 - Melton South, incorporating Melton South East (SUE)
 - Melton South, not incorporating Melton South East (SUE)
 - Melton South East (SUE)
 - Thorpe Arnold (SUE)
- 5.3 The other five options are potential SUEs or new settlements either separate from the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray or elsewhere in the Borough:
- Welby (SUE)
 - Belvoir Road, Bottesford (SUE)
 - Normanton Airfield (new settlement)
 - Dalby Airfield (new settlement)
 - Six Hills (new settlement)
- 5.4 Five of these large-scale site options were identified at the Issues and Options stage and were subject to SA by Melton Borough Council at that time. Following the Issues and Options consultation, a number of additional options were identified by the Council were subject to SA by LUC prior to the Emerging Options consultation. The SA work undertaken previously for the five sites identified at the Issues and Options stage was also revised and updated to ensure that all options were appraised consistently and to take account of the latest available evidence.
- 5.5 Information about the proposed uses and potential advantages and disadvantages of developing the large-scale site options was taken from the document 'Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options' prepared by Melton Borough Council. GIS data was also used to inform judgements about the likely sustainability effects of development at each site, although the assumptions used for the SA of small-scale site options were not applied as they were not appropriate for these larger sites for which more specific information was available about the likely nature of development at each site.
- 5.6 The likely effects of the large-scale site options are summarised below in relation to each SA objective. Particular consideration has been given to the likely significant effects identified (both positive and negative), in line with the requirements of the SEA Regulations. Where relevant,

effects are classified as short, medium or long-term. The SA scores for all of the large-scale site options are presented in **Table 5.1** overleaf, and the detailed SA matrices are presented in **Appendix 7**.

- 5.7 It should be noted that the scores shown in **Table 5.1** are prior to mitigation – as described in the SA matrices, many of the potential negative effects identified may be able to be mitigated through the design of the development and through the implementation of relevant policies in the emerging Local Plan. Mitigation is considered further in **Chapter 7** in relation to the sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

Table 5.1: Summary of SA scores for the large-scale site options

Note that the sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are shown in **bold**.

SA objectives	Melton East	Melton West	Melton North	Melton South (inc. Melton South East)	Melton South	Melton South East	Thorpe Arnold	Welby	Belvoir Road, Bottesford	Normanton Airfield	Dalby Airfield	Six Hills
1. Housing	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+++?	+++?	++
2. Education	++/--?	++/--?	++	++	++	++/--?	++/--?	+/-?	+?/-	-?	-?	--
3. Sustainable transport	++	++/-	++/-	++/--?	++/--?	++	++	+/-?	+/-	--?	+/--?	--
4. Economy and employment	+/-	++	++	++	++	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/--	--/+?	+/--
5. Landscape	--?	--?	--/+?	--/+?	--/+?	--?	--?	--?	--?	--?	--?	--?
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	-?	--?	--?	--?	--?	-?	-?	-?	-?	--?	-?	-?
7. Cultural heritage	-?	--?	--?	--?	--?	-?	--?	--?	--?	--?	0	0?
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--?	--?	--?	--?
9. Access to services	++/--?	+++?	+++?	++	++	++/--?	++/--?	+/-?	-	--?	++/--?	--?
10. Social and economic inclusion	+/-	+	+	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-?	+/-	-?	+	-?
11. Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Waste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0
13. Economic growth	-	++	++	+	+	-	+/-?	-?	-	+/-	+/--?	+/-
14. Health	++/--?	++/--?	++?	++	++	++/-	++/--?	+/-?	+/-	-?	-?	--?
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	++	++/-	++/-	++/-	++/-	++	++	+/-?	+/-	--	+/--?	--
16. Flood risk	--?	--?	-?	-?	-?	-?	--?	--?	-?	-?	-?	-?
17. Water quality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SA objective 1: To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough

- 5.8 All of the large-scale site options would have significant positive effects on this SA objective as all would provide for the development of significant amounts of housing to meet the identified need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum in Melton Borough up to 2036¹⁰. Compared to the smaller-scale site options, these 12 sites could all deliver at least 430 homes with several options potentially providing upwards of 1,500 homes. The largest site options are Melton North, Melton South, Melton South (incorporating Melton South East), Melton West and Six Hills.
- 5.9 Three of the large-scale site options would provide for the delivery of a lower amount of housing than the other nine options – Belvoir Road, Bottesford; Melton East; and Thorpe Arnold SUEs. However, even though some of the sites would provide for more modest amounts of housing than others, the Council is of the view that all would be of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the developments, which is higher than the 37% requirement indicated in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Therefore, all of the sites would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.
- 5.10 While the number of homes that could be delivered at each site individually provides a useful indication of the contribution that each site alone could make to Melton’s housing needs, the options should be considered as part of the overall development strategy for the Borough and the total number of homes that can be delivered at all of the allocated sites will need to be assessed against Melton’s objectively assessed housing need. While larger sites can make a greater individual contribution, the full capacity of the larger sites would not necessarily be required and there are other issues associated with large-scale sites such as potentially greater landscape impacts and pressure on local services unless new provision is made (these issues are considered under other SA objectives below.) Therefore, it is not necessarily preferable that the larger sites are allocated over smaller of the 12 options even though they could accommodate more homes.
- 5.11 The two sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (Melton North and Melton South) would both have significant positive effects, as would all of the rejected options. As noted above, Melton North is one of the largest options considered so could provide for a particularly high number of homes.

SA objective 2: To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education

- 5.12 The effects of the large-scale site options on education will depend primarily on their proximity to existing schools (and whether there is capacity at those schools to accommodate increased demand). Effects will also depend on whether new schools may be provided as part of the development of each site.
- 5.13 The large-scale residential development that will result from the Local Plan, regardless of which sites are eventually allocated, will result in an increase in demand for school places. While increased demand may help to ensure that existing schools remain viable, particularly in the smaller villages, there is also a risk that they may become overloaded. Information about current levels of capacity at the Borough’s schools shows that there is some capacity although there is uncertainty attached to all of the potential effects on this SA objective as this cannot yet be assessed in detail.
- 5.14 The sites that are in close proximity of Melton Mowbray are generally likely to have the most positive effects on education, i.e. the SUE options to the north, south and south east of the town as well as the directions of growth to the east and west and the SUE between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold. The rural nature of the Borough means that Melton Mowbray has a far greater concentration of schools than the rural areas, especially at secondary level. Many of the Borough’s villages do not include a school and the only secondary school outside of Melton Mowbray is at Bottesford in the far north of the Borough. Therefore, development at Melton Mowbray will provide residents with good access to existing education facilities, including via public transport, compared to development away from the town. The Six Hills new settlement

¹⁰ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

would have a significant negative effect on access to education due to its remoteness from existing education facilities in both Melton Mowbray and Bottesford.

- 5.15 However, the proximity to existing educational facilities in Melton Mowbray and Bottesford needs to be balanced with the opportunities to provide additional support for rural schools, which would be lost if development is focussed around the edge of Melton Mowbray and Bottesford. The development of large-scale SUEs or new settlements could in many cases involve the delivery of a new school which will ensure that the growing population is supported and can also contribute to community cohesion (addressed separately under SA objective 10 below).
- 5.16 The provision of new schools would be particularly important if a new settlement were to be proposed away from an existing settlement, i.e. the site options at Six Hills and Normanton Airfield. New schools are likely to be provided as part of the development of some of the other large site options (Melton North, Melton South, Melton South East and Melton South incorporating Melton South East); however for the other options there is less certainty about the delivery of a new school. The larger site options are generally more likely to involve the provision of a new primary school.
- 5.17 The two large-scale sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (Melton North and Melton South) are both expected to have significant positive effects on this objective and therefore perform better than many of the rejected options. These sites are large enough to incorporate new school provision and are also well-located in proximity of the existing schools in and around Melton Mowbray.

SA objective 3: To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices

- 5.18 The rural nature of Melton Borough means that public transport services outside of Melton Mowbray are generally limited, although there is reasonable provision at Bottesford in the north of the Borough which includes a railway station. Therefore, the site options that are located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray would generally offer the best opportunities for residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport day to day. As well as existing bus services, people would be able to access Melton Mowbray railway station and jobs, services and facilities are more densely concentrated at the town, reducing journey lengths and the need to travel.
- 5.19 However, some of the SUE options around Melton Mowbray are some distance from the town centre (up to 3km), particularly at the far edges of the larger sites such as Melton North and Melton South SUEs. Therefore, even if development takes place at one of the Melton Mowbray SUE options, sustainable transport infrastructure should be incorporated as part of the development – this may include improved or additional bus services or new cycle routes and footpaths. These should be well-lit to encourage their use all year round.
- 5.20 Where sites would deliver new settlements in more isolated areas, levels of car use are likely to be particularly high, given the challenges of achieving self-containment. This is the case for the sites at Six Hills, Dalby Airfield and Normanton Airfield. While there may be opportunities to provide new bus routes to serve these developments, this is not yet certain and journey times are still likely to be high and services limited which may mean that people are more likely to drive.
- 5.21 A number of the options for large-scale development around the fringe of Melton Mowbray could help to deliver a bypass at the town. While this could ease congestion at the town which brings a number of benefits in relation to air quality and the local economy (addressed separately under other SA objectives), road improvements may also make ongoing car use more attractive and make it more difficult to achieve modal shift. Conversely, development in other locations which would not contribute to the delivery of a distributor road around is likely to compound congestion problems by resulting in high levels of car use as people travel from more rural areas to work and other activities in Melton Mowbray.
- 5.22 Overall, the likely effects of large-scale development on sustainable transport will be most positive if development is located close to the main urban centre of Melton Mowbray. However, development in any location should incorporate sustainable transport links and this should be addressed in the relevant Local Plan policies.

- 5.23 The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan now allocates Melton North and Melton South for large-scale development. These sites are both likely to have mixed effects on this objective because although they are reasonably close to the sustainable transport links of Melton Mowbray, they could result in increased car use as a result of the association with a new road. While some of the rejected options would have purely positive effects, as noted above the lack of a new road could compound congestion issues around Melton Mowbray.

SA objective 4: To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community

- 5.24 The development proposed at each large-scale site option is primarily residential. However a number of the sites (particularly those that are larger in size) would offer opportunities to incorporate new employment development. As well as contributing to the available employment land in the Borough, co-locating residential and employment development would offer opportunities for new residents, including those without a car, to have good access to jobs. The SUE options at Melton North, Melton South, Melton South (incorporating Melton South East) and Melton West would offer the best opportunities to deliver employment land as part of the development, which in turn would also be located in proximity of Melton Mowbray's sustainable transport links, enabling easier access for people who don't live locally.
- 5.25 The site option at Dalby Airfield already includes some employment land. Therefore the effects of that option on this SA objective will depend largely on whether those existing employment uses would be incorporated as part of the development or whether they would be lost to housing. There may also be the option to expand the employment uses as part of a larger mixed-use development.
- 5.26 In general, development at Melton Mowbray (i.e. the SUE options to the north, south and south east of the town as well as the directions of growth to the east and west) would mean that residents have the best level of access to the jobs that are focussed there. However, it is also recognised that some people will commute to work in locations outside of the Borough. Where development takes place at Melton Mowbray, people would be able to access the railway station which provides access to Leicester and other employment destinations further afield. However, development in the north of the Borough, i.e. the Bottesford SUE or Normanton Airfield, could contribute to high levels of out-commuting by car to Grantham, which is closer to those sites than Melton Mowbray.
- 5.27 While large-scale development in more rural locations could help to deliver employment opportunities in those areas alongside housing, people commuting to and from the site that do not live locally would be likely to use cars to get to work. Locations at Melton Mowbray are generally more commercially attractive (based on the findings of the Employment Land Review) and offer better transport links so may be more attractive to investors. Development at Melton Mowbray North or South would also offer opportunities to incorporate transport improvements which would assist existing businesses to grow and transport goods more efficiently. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective will be most positive if the larger site options around Melton Mowbray are allocated.
- 5.28 The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan now allocates Melton North and Melton South, which generally perform better than the rejected options for the reasons described above.

SA objective 5: To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape

- 5.29 It is inevitable that large-scale new development in a rural Borough such as Melton could have significant effects on the character and quality of the landscape. The challenge is therefore to identify the locations where impacts on the landscape will be least significant and where the development may be most successfully integrated into the surroundings. The rural nature of Melton Borough means that large-scale brownfield sites are not available¹¹ and the development of any of the site options would therefore be on greenfield land.

¹¹ The two airfield site options (Normanton and Dalby) are considered to be greenfield with the exceptions of the runways and buildings. In any case, development that replaces the airfield infrastructure is likely to be significantly different in appearance to that which it would replace.

- 5.30 Parcels of land around the main settlements in the Borough have been assessed for their settlement fringe sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. Around Melton Mowbray, in most areas the settlement fringe is of medium-high overall sensitivity to development although the landscape character zones on the western edge of the town are slightly less sensitive, being classed as medium or medium-low sensitivity. Therefore, the direction of growth at Melton West may have less of an effect on the landscape than the sites to the north, south and east of the town. The effects of all of the options are highly dependent on the design and layout of the eventual development and all would significantly alter the overall scale and built form of Melton Mowbray.
- 5.31 Outside of Melton Mowbray, the more rural site options lie in areas that were not assessed for their sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. However, introducing new larger scale built development in more isolated locations such as the potential new settlements at Six Hills, Normanton Airfield or Dalby Airfield, or the SUE at the hamlet of Welby, is likely to be particularly intrusive and alter the character of the rural landscape. At Normanton and Dalby Airfields there is currently only fairly isolated built development.
- 5.32 It is essential that robust mitigation for impacts on the landscape is built into the Local Plan, particularly within site-specific policies (the site allocation policies now included in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are considered in **Chapter 7**). Development should be designed and sited so as to cause the minimum impacts on the landscape and mitigation such as planting should be incorporated.
- 5.33 A number of Areas of Separation have been designated in the Borough, and some of the large-scale site options would involve development taking place within those areas, contributing to the coalescence of settlements. The SUE at Bottesford would extend into the Area of Separation to the east of Bottesford, and so could contribute to the coalescence of Bottesford and the hamlet of Easthorpe. The Thorpe Arnold SUE site would almost entirely cover the Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold. The Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars would be affected by the Melton South or Melton South SUEs, with effects likely to be particularly significant if the two sites were allocated in combination (as now proposed in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan). It would be very difficult if not impossible to mitigate these effects.
- 5.34 However, the potential for minor positive effects on the landscape was also identified for the Melton North and Melton South SUEs. Both the northern and southern edges of Melton Mowbray currently comprise 'hard' development boundaries which currently impact on the quality of the landscape in those areas. Sympathetic development at either the Melton North or Melton South SUEs could therefore improve the character of the landscape in these areas. As these two sites have now been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, the allocated sites perform generally better than the reasonable alternative options although impacts on the Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars needs to be carefully considered (the extent to which this is addressed through the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan is considered in **Chapter 7**).

SA objective 6: To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough

- 5.35 The large-scale development on greenfield land that would result from the allocation of any of the large-scale site options could result in habitat loss, negatively affecting biodiversity. However, the key determinant of the likely effects of each site on this SA objective is its proximity to biodiversity features, as development could result in damage or disturbance, including during the short-term construction phase.
- 5.36 Potential significant negative effects on this SA objective were identified in relation to the site options at Normanton Airfield, Melton North, Melton South, Melton South (incorporating Melton South East), and Melton West. This is because those sites are within particularly close proximity of Local Wildlife Sites or other biodiversity features which could be affected by development and Melton North and Melton South (incorporating Melton South East) include areas that were assessed as being of moderate or high ecological value in the Biodiversity Study that has been

undertaken by White Young Green on behalf of Melton Borough Council. Minor negative effects could occur as a result of development of the other large-scale site options.

- 5.37 However, in all cases the potential negative effects are uncertain as effects will depend largely on the design and layout of the site and it may be possible to incorporate mitigation such as green infrastructure to safeguard existing habitats or bring about habitat creation. It is assumed that site surveys would be carried out at the planning application stage; however site specific policies in the Local Plan should deliver mitigation as appropriate in relation to any of the allocated sites (this is considered further in **Chapter 7**). The incorporation of green infrastructure should be encouraged.
- 5.38 The potential for development within the Borough to affect European designated sites around Melton is being considered through the separate Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), and the findings have been taken into account in the SA of the current Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (see **Chapter 7**).
- 5.39 The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan now allocates the Melton North and Melton South SUEs for development, both of which could have significant negative effects on biodiversity as described above, while some of the rejected options are more likely to have minor negative effects. The Council's reasons for decision making are described in **Appendix 8** and the SA of the site allocations policies in **Chapter 7** considers the likely effects of the allocations in more detail, taking into account the specific proposals now included in the Local Plan.

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings

- 5.40 Designated heritage assets such as Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments are distributed throughout Melton Borough, although the concentration is highest in Melton Mowbray. Eight of the 12 large-scale site options could have significant negative effects, reflecting their proximity to heritage features that could be affected by development. However, in all cases the potential effects are uncertain as it may be possible to achieve mitigation through the design and layout of the development.
- 5.41 A number of the site options have listed buildings within their boundaries. Melton North contains a Scheduled Monument (Sysonby Grange). Melton South and Melton South (incorporating Melton South East) would involve development in close proximity of another Scheduled Monument (St Mary and Lazarus Hospital).
- 5.42 While the potential for development to impact upon the setting of these assets has been identified, it is not possible at this strategic level of assessment to determine with certainty the likelihood of effects. Some assets are already affected by existing unsympathetic development (for example, the A606 runs directly past listed buildings at Burton Lazars which have been identified as being within close proximity of the SUE south east of Melton). In such cases, new development may be less likely to have additional adverse effects beyond those that already exist or may even offer the opportunity to improve the wider setting of heritage features.
- 5.43 The Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan now allocates the Melton North and Melton South SUEs for large-scale development, both of which could have significant negative effects on cultural heritage as described above, while some of the rejected options are more likely to have minor negative effects. The Council's reasons for decision making are described in **Appendix 8** and the SA of the site allocations policies in **Chapter 7** considers the likely effects of the allocations in more detail, taking into account the specific proposals now included in the Local Plan.

SA objective 8: To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality

- 5.44 Some of Melton Borough is classified as high quality 'Best and most versatile' agricultural land and large-scale development in most locations is therefore likely to result in the loss of this resource, particularly as there are no large-scale development site options on brownfield land. In addition, there are several Minerals Consultation Areas in the Borough, a number of which are within close proximity of large-scale development site options which could potentially lead to sterilisation of these resources, or delays in the delivery of development until the mineral resources have been worked out.

- 5.45 All of the 12 site options could have significant negative effects on this SA objective as all are at least partly within areas of Grade 2 or 3 agricultural land. Therefore, the allocated sites at Melton North and Melton South as well as the rejected options all perform the same in relation to this SA objective. Development should be steered where possible to Grade 3b land in place of Grade 2 or Grade 3a within the allocated sites in order to avoid adverse effects.

SA objective 9: To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough

- 5.46 Access to existing services and facilities will be easiest to achieve if development takes place at Melton Mowbray as the highest concentration of services is available there. Some of the large-scale site options in more remote areas, such as Six Hills, Normanton Airfield and Dalby Airfield, would be located some distance from Melton Mowbray and unless new services and facilities were to be provided as part of the development, people would be likely to need to travel longer distances. Journeys are also more likely to need to be undertaken by car, potentially resulting in exclusion for people who rely on public transport. To achieve a full range of services and facilities (e.g. education to sixth form level, health services, retail, places of worship, library, restaurants, public houses, sports and leisure, etc.) would require a new settlement to be of sufficient scale and population size to support such services and facilities¹².
- 5.47 While development in rural areas may stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in those locations and provide support for the ongoing viability of existing rural services, there is uncertainty attached to the potential for many of the site options to deliver a relatively self-contained settlement and several, particularly those that are smaller in size, would rely on existing provision.
- 5.48 Therefore, if sites away from Melton Mowbray were to be allocated it would be essential that they are delivered as self-supporting settlements, incorporating shops and essential facilities, in order to avoid potential social exclusion and high levels of car use. However, the two large-scale sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan at Melton North and Melton South are close to Melton Mowbray and so perform better than most of the rejected options.

SA objective 10: To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion

- 5.49 The effects of large-scale site options on this SA objective are closely linked to the effects described under other SA objectives including 1: housing 2: education and 4: economy and employment. In general, effects on social deprivation were found to be more positive if large-scale development is allocated at the sites around Melton Mowbray as access to services and jobs will be good in comparison to rural areas. It may also be more likely that employment land can be delivered alongside housing in that area as it is considered to be more commercially attractive (based on the findings of the Employment Land Review) and this may help to secure economic inclusion. Therefore, the two sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan at Melton North and Melton South perform generally better than many of the rejected options.

SA objective 11: To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime

- 5.50 The effects of large-scale development on levels of crime and fear of crime in Melton will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the sites which are not yet known.
- 5.51 The allocation of any of the large-scale sites for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of sites. Therefore, the effects of all 12 site options on this SA objective are negligible, including the two now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan at Melton North and Melton South.

¹² The TCPA is of the view that the number of homes for a new settlement would need to be will be in the range of at least 4,000-5,000 in order to support a secondary school, which it considers to be "the basic building block when designing the size of a new town" TCPA (March, 2007) Best Practice in Urban Extensions and New Settlements.

SA objective 12: To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials

- 5.52 All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.
- 5.53 Levels of recycling will not be affected by the allocation of any of the site options, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development and levels of uptake will depend on the behaviour of residents. Policies should be included in the Local Plan to ensure that sustainable waste management systems are considered in the design of new developments, and to encourage the reuse of existing buildings and materials where possible (the extent to which mitigation of this nature is now included in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan is considered in **Chapter 7**).
- 5.54 As most of the sites are on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited and negligible effects are identified. However, the Normanton Airfield and Dalby Airfield site options incorporate a small number of existing buildings and so may offer limited opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials. Potential but uncertain minor positive effects are therefore identified for those options.
- 5.55 Neither of the site options with potential minor positive effects on this objective have now been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan – the Council’s reasons for decision making are set out in **Appendix 8**. The allocated sites, along with the rest of the rejected options, would have negligible effects.

SA objective 13: To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth

- 5.56 The effects of the large-scale site options on this SA objective will depend to some extent on whether they would deliver employment land alongside the new housing, which would provide new employment premises in the Borough and therefore encourage inward investment. These issues are addressed under SA objective 4 above. However, effects will also depend on the extent to which development would help to deliver improvements to transport infrastructure and reduce congestion in the Borough, which can otherwise adversely affect the local economy.
- 5.57 As described under SA objective 3: sustainable transport, a number of the options for large-scale development around the fringe of Melton Mowbray could help to deliver a bypass at the town. While this could ease congestion at the town, road improvements may also make ongoing car use more attractive and make it more difficult to encourage modal shift which would have disadvantages in relation to air quality and greenhouse gas emissions (addressed separately under SA objective 15 below). However, development in other locations which would not contribute to the delivery of a bypass is likely to compound congestion problems by resulting in high levels of car use, likely to be on roads that are less well-suited to accommodating additional traffic, as people travel from more rural areas to work and other activities in Melton Mowbray.
- 5.58 Effects on this SA objective were therefore found to be most positive if large-scale development is allocated at the larger of the 12 site options, assuming this would allow for greater opportunities to incorporate employment land provision. However, proximity to sustainable transport infrastructure is also relevant as some of the larger sites are not well-served by public transport links, such as Normanton Airfield and Six Hills. Sites around Melton Mowbray would also have more positive effects as they are better connected and could contribute to the delivery of a bypass at the town.
- 5.59 Therefore, because two large sites close to Melton Mowbray have now been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (Melton North and Melton South SUEs), the allocated sites perform generally better than most of the rejected options.

SA objective 14: To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life

- 5.60 The effects of the large-scale site options on health will depend largely on their proximity to existing healthcare facilities such as GPs. Effects will also depend on whether new facilities may be provided as part of the development of each site, and on the extent to which developments

would offer opportunities to walk and cycle day to day, thereby increasing levels of physical activity. Green infrastructure can also be beneficial in this regard.

- 5.61 The large-scale residential development that will result from the Local Plan, regardless of which sites are eventually allocated, will result in an increase in demand for services such as healthcare facilities in Melton. While increased demand may help to ensure that existing facilities remain viable, particularly in the smaller villages, there is also a risk that they may become overloaded.
- 5.62 The sites that are in close proximity of Melton Mowbray were found to be generally likely to have the most positive effects on health, i.e. the SUE options to the north, south and south east of the town as well as the directions of growth to the east and west and the SUE between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold. The rural nature of the Borough means that Melton Mowbray has a far greater concentration of healthcare facilities than the rural areas and contains the Borough's only hospital. Most of the villages do not include a health centre. Therefore, development at Melton Mowbray will provide residents with good access to existing healthcare facilities, including via public transport, compared to development away from the town. The Six Hills SUE, which is isolated from both Melton Mowbray and Bottesford would have a significant negative effect on access to healthcare facilities.
- 5.63 Development around Melton Mowbray would also mean that people are more likely to be able to walk or cycle day to day as journeys to access jobs, services and facilities are likely to be shorter. In rural areas, levels of car use are likely to be much higher which will contribute to people living more sedentary lifestyles. Increased levels of activity can therefore be encouraged if developments incorporate walking and cycle paths as well as green infrastructure.
- 5.64 However, the advantages of development at Melton Mowbray in relation to access to healthcare also need to be balanced with the fact that opportunities to provide additional support for rural services would be lost if development takes place around the edge of Melton Mowbray, and the development of large-scale SUEs or new settlements could in many cases involve the delivery of services which may include a new health centre.
- 5.65 A number of the site options have railway lines or strategic roads either adjacent to or within the sites. The A607 cuts through the centre of the Thorpe Arnold SUE, for example, and the direction of growth at Melton East would be directly adjacent to the railway line. The health and wellbeing of residents in parts of these sites could therefore be negatively affected by noise and/or air pollution. If sites are allocated that are in close proximity of major roads or railway lines, mitigation should be built into the relevant Local Plan policies, for example by requiring residential properties to be located outside of those parts of the sites, or by incorporating mitigation such as acoustic glazing. However, neither of the above sites has now been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.
- 5.66 The two sites that have been allocated, at Melton North and Melton South, are both likely to have entirely positive effects on this SA objective and therefore perform better than most of the rejected options in relation to health.

SA objective 15: To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough

- 5.67 The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which the development is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation, although the potential was considered likely to be greatest if the largest site options such as Melton North and Melton South (incorporating Melton South east) are taken forward due to their scale.
- 5.68 There are currently no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) declared in Melton Borough; however there are congestion issues in the town and it is important to ensure that new large-scale development does not contribute to increased air pollution.
- 5.69 As described above in relation to SA objective 3: sustainable transport, the site options that are located within close proximity of the Melton Mowbray would generally offer the best opportunities for residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport day to day and therefore reduce

emissions and air pollution. As well as existing bus services, people would be able to access Melton Mowbray railway station, and jobs, services and facilities are more densely concentrated at the town, reducing journey lengths and the need to travel by car. Where sites would deliver new settlements in more isolated areas, levels of car use and the associated emissions are likely to be particularly high. This is the case for the sites at Six Hills, Dalby Airfield and Normanton Airfield.

- 5.70 As described under SA objective 3 above, a number of the options for large-scale development around the fringe of Melton Mowbray could help to deliver a bypass at the town. While this could ease congestion at the town which could bring notable benefits in relation to reducing air pollution, improvements to the road network may also make ongoing car use more attractive and make it more difficult to encourage modal shift and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, development in other locations away from Melton Mowbray which would not contribute to the delivery of a bypass is likely to compound congestion problems by resulting in high levels of car use as people travel from more rural areas to work and other activities in Melton Mowbray.
- 5.71 Overall, the effects of large-scale development on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution are likely to be most positive if the development is located close to the main urban centre of Melton Mowbray. The two sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (Melton North and Melton South) therefore perform better than most of the rejected options.

SA objective 16: To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere

- 5.72 Where development is proposed at areas that fall within flood zone 3, or that are at high risk of surface water flooding, negative effects may be significant. This is the case for the potential SUEs at Melton East, Melton West, Welby and Thorpe Arnold. The direction of growth at Melton East is particularly constrained in relation to flood risk and it may be difficult to mitigate by avoiding development in that part of the site, as the remaining area of the site would be significantly reduced.
- 5.73 All of the large-scale site options would involve the development of large areas of previously undeveloped land, which could reduce infiltration and increase runoff, increasing surface water flood risk. However, all new development offers opportunities to incorporate mitigation such as SuDS. The incorporation of green infrastructure may also have benefits in terms of flood risk mitigation (as well as the potential health and biodiversity benefits described separately above). Green infrastructure provision may be more viable at the larger site options where there are opportunities to provide significant green infrastructure. Therefore, while all of the options could have negative effects on this SA objective, in all cases there is uncertainty attached.
- 5.74 Mitigation for the potential effects on flood risk should be incorporated into Local Plan policies, and if sites are allocated that include areas of high flood risk it should be specified that built development would not take place in that part of the site, or where it could contribute to flood risk through surface water run-off. However, none of the sites identified as having potential significant negative effects on this SA objective have now been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan and the two sites that have been allocated perform better or the same as the rejected options.

SA objective 17: To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources

- 5.75 While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development, rather than its location. Therefore, it is important that policies addressing this issue are included in the Local Plan, regardless of which large-scale site(s) are eventually be allocated for development (the extent to which this mitigation is now built into the Local Plan is considered further in **Chapter 7**).
- 5.76 There is only one Source Protection Zone in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at any of the 12 large scale site options. The likely effects on this SA objective were therefore negligible.

Overall conclusions

- 5.77 While there are both advantages and disadvantages of developing any of the large-scale site options considered, in general the large-development sites around Melton Mowbray are more likely to result in positive effects than those in the more remote rural parts of the Borough. The Melton South and Melton North SUEs which are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan perform at least as well against the SA objectives as a whole compared to the rejected options, and perform more positively in comparison to the options that would involve large-scale development away from Melton Mowbray. While a similar number of significant positive effects are associated with Melton East and West as for the allocated sites, notably both of those rejected options could have significant negative effects in relation to flood risk which is less of a concern at the allocated sites.
- 5.78 The relatively isolated site options at Six Hills and Normanton Airfield would have the least positive sustainability effects of the 12 sites considered - eight potentially significant negative effects were identified for both site options. The ability to provide a full range of services and facilities, plus jobs, in these locations would be dependent upon the size and mix of development that could be delivered on these sites.
- 5.79 While the site options at Thorpe Arnold; Belvoir Road, Bottesford; and Welby score more positively for most SA objectives than the Six Hills and Normanton Airfield sites, there are still a relatively high number of potential negative effects associated with those sites. While they are less isolated than the Six Hills and Normanton Airfield sites they are mainly located away from the urban edge of Melton Mowbray (except for the Thorpe Arnold SUE) and therefore would not bring the same social and economic benefits that are associated with the site options that are adjacent to Melton Mowbray.
- 5.80 Development around Melton Mowbray will offer better opportunities for residents to make use of sustainable transport, reducing car use and the associated emissions and congestion. People would also have better access to the wider range of jobs, services and facilities that are located there, compared to development in more rural parts of the Borough. While sites in the north of Melton are not completely isolated, they may result in higher levels of out-commuting, with people travelling outside of the Borough to locations such as Grantham and Nottingham to access jobs and services. Similarly, development in the west of the Borough (at Six Hills) could result in particularly high levels of out-commuting to Loughborough and Leicester. This could result in some of the economic benefits of population growth being lost from Melton Borough. However, these benefits are balanced with the lost potential to stimulate rural services, if development continues to be focussed at Melton Mowbray.
- 5.81 The social and economic benefits of potential large-scale development tend to be most significant for the larger of the 12 site options, such as Melton North and Melton South (both of which are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan), as they are likely to offer the best opportunities to incorporate jobs, services and facilities, and for the new developments to operate as relatively self-contained communities. However, it could be more challenging to mitigate the effects of development on the environment, in particular the sensitive landscape around Melton Mowbray, as a result of these large sites being taken forward. This issue is considered further in **Chapter 7**.
- 5.82 Potential significant negative effects on the landscape were identified for all 12 site options, due to the scale of the development that would result and in light of the sensitivity of much of the Borough's settlement fringe to development. Around the urban fringe of Melton Mowbray, all of the land parcels assessed in the emerging Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study have been classified as being of at least moderate sensitivity, with many areas being highly sensitive to development. However, for the now allocated Melton North and Melton South SUEs, which are in areas classed as being of high and moderate-high sensitivity respectively, the potential to bring about improvements to the settlement fringe by softening the existing 'hard' settlement edge were also highlighted. In both cases, this is part of a mixed effect overall as the potential for significant negative effects at both sites was also identified due to the sensitivity of the settlement fringe in those areas and the fact that both sites would involve large-scale development on mainly greenfield land.

- 5.83 Similarly, negative effects were identified for all 12 of the large-scale site options in relation to the loss of high quality agricultural land, due to the large extent of Grade 1, 2 and 3 land within the Borough. In particular, the sites closest to Melton Mowbray all include at least some Grade 2 agricultural land. While Belvoir Road, Dalby; Normanton Airfield, Dalby Airfield and Six Hills are all likely to have significant negative effects as they include Grade 3 agricultural land, these effects were uncertain as it is not known if they include Grade 3a or Grade 3b land. None of those sites include large expanses of Grade 2 land that would be lost, while this is the case for all of the sites around Melton Mowbray.
- 5.84 The sites that scored most negatively in relation to biodiversity were Melton North, Melton South, Melton West and Normanton Airfield, as they are within closest proximity of known biodiversity features. However, effects cannot be assessed with certainty purely on the basis of proximity and it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the design of sites (this is considered further in relation to the allocated sites in **Chapter 7**).
- 5.85 The sites with the least potential for negative effects on cultural heritage were Dalby Airfield and Six Hills, which are both located away from the high concentration of heritage assets such as listed buildings that exists at Melton Mowbray. Potential significant negative effects were identified for most of the other site options due to their proximity to assets which could be affected by development, although at Melton East and Melton South East minor rather than significant negative effects were identified.
- 5.86 Flood risk has been identified as a particularly significant issue at four of the site options: Melton East, Melton West, Welby and Thorpe Arnold, reflecting the fact that there are large expanses of flood zones 2 and 3 to the east and west of Melton Mowbray in proximity of those sites. It would therefore be particularly important to incorporate mitigation if any of those sites were allocated. However, in the case of Melton East it would be difficult to avoid developing within flood zone 3 due to the high proportion of the site that is at high risk of flooding. None of these sites are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.
- 5.87 As described above, the two large-scale sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan at Melton North and Melton South perform generally better than the rejected options in relation to most of the SA objectives. The Council's reasons for allocating these sites and rejecting the others are detailed in **Appendix 8**. The SA findings for the policies that allocate these sites (SS4 and SS5 in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan) are presented in **Chapter 7** and **Appendix 10**.

6 Sustainability Appraisal Findings for the Small-Scale Site Options

- 6.1 This chapter describes the SA findings for the options for small-scale residential sites to be allocated in the Melton Local Plan. As described in **Chapter 2** this appraisal work was carried out in two stages and was presented previously to Melton Borough Council in the form of internal SA notes so that it could inform decision making about which sites to include in the Emerging Options and subsequently the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.
- 6.2 A total of 128 reasonable alternative residential site options have been subject to SA by LUC on behalf of the Council. A set of assumptions was devised to ensure that this number of reasonable site options could be appraised consistently – these assumptions are presented in **Appendix 5**.
- 6.3 The likely effects of the small-scale residential site options are summarised below in relation to each SA objective. Particular consideration has been given to the likely significant effects identified (both positive and negative), in line with the requirements of the SEA Regulations. Where relevant, effects are classified as short, medium or long-term.
- 6.4 The SA scores for all of the small-scale residential site options are presented in **Table 6.1** overleaf, and the detailed SA matrices are presented in **Appendix 6**.
- 6.5 It should be noted that the scores shown in **Table 6.1** are prior to mitigation – as described in the SA matrices, many of the potential negative effects identified may be able to be mitigated through the design of the development and through the implementation of relevant policies in the Local Plan. Mitigation is considered further in **Chapter 7** in relation to the sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

Table 6.1: Summary of SA scores for the small-scale residential site options

The sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are shown in **bold** (reserve sites are shown in ***bold italics***). It should be noted that in some cases the boundaries of the allocated sites have changed slightly from the options listed in Table 6.1 and some of the allocations comprise two or more of the options merged into a single site. The SA findings for the site allocations presented in Chapter 7 reflect those changes and the changes are explained in the sites audit trail in Appendix 8.

	SA1: Housing	SA2: Education	SA3: Sustainable transport	SA4: Employment	SA5: Landscape	SA6: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	SA7: Historic environment	SA8: Efficient use of land and resources	SA9: Social cohesion	SA10: Social deprivation	SA11: Crime and safety	SA12: Waste	SA13: Local economy	SA14: Health	SA15: Greenhouse gases	SA16: Flood risk	SA17: Water
AB KETTLEBY SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/001/15: Land off A606	+	++?	+	-	--?	-?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/002/13: Land of Main Road	+	++?	+	-	--?	-?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
ASFORDBY SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/104/13: Fields South of Bypass and North of Regency Road, Asfordby	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	-	0
MBC/108/13: Paddocks west of Saxelby Road and south of Loughborough Road, Asfordby	+	++?	++	+	?	--?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	-	0
MBC/106/13: Land East of Station Lane and South of Klondyke Way, Asfordby	++	++?	0	+	--?	--?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/001/16: Land to the north of bypass, Asfordby	++	++?	0	+	--?	--?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	--?	0
MBC/040/16: Land Between Station Road and Hoby Road	+	++?	++	+	--?	--?	-?	--	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	--?	0
MBC/105/13: Field West of Hoby Road	+	++?	++	+	-?	-?	-?	--	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/107/13: Open land adjoining Saxelby Road, north of bypass, Asfordby	++	++?	+	+	--?	--?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
ASFORDBY HILL SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/149b/14: Land to the east of Welby Road (4ha), Asfordby Hill	+	++?	++	++	-?	--?	0	--	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/113/13: Land off Stanton Road, Stanton Road, Asfordby Hill	+	++?	+	+	-?	-?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/073/13: Land to the west of Houghton Close and south of the A6006, Asfordby Hill	+	++?	++	++	-?	-?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/112/13: Land off Houghton Close, Glebe Road, Asfordby Hill	+	++?	++	++	-?	-?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/111/13: West Side, Asfordby Hill	+	++?	++	++	-?	--?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0

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MBC/004/15: Land off Crompton Road/Main Street, Asfordby Hill	+	+++?	++	++	?	-?	0	+?	+	++	0	+?	0	0/--?	+	-	0
BOTTESFORD SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/057/13: Land at Rectory Farm, Bottesford	++	+++?	+	+	--?	--?	-?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	--	0
MBC/012/13: Land East of Belvoir Road, Bottesford	++	+++?	+	-	--?	--?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	++/--?	++	--	0
MBC/181/15: Land off Normanton Lane, Bottesford	+	+?	+	+	--?	-?	0	+?/-	++	+	0	+?	0	++	++	0	0
MBC/011/15: Land off Grantham Road, Bottesford	+	+?	+	+	-?	-?	0	--?	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	--	0
MBC/010/15: Land Adjacent 8 Easthorpe Road, Bottesford	+	+++?	+	+	--?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/076/13: Land Adjacent 17 Easthorpe Road, Bottesford	++	+?	+	+	--?	--?	--?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	+/--?	++	--	0
MBC/013/16: Land rear of Daybells Farm, Grantham Road	+	+++?	+	+	--?	--?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	-	0
MBC/008/13: Land off Barkestone lane	+	+++?	0	-	--?	--?	0	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	--	0
MBC/009/13: Land west of Castle View Road	+	+?	0	-	--?	--?	0?	--	++	+/-	0	-	0	+	++	--	0
MBC/142/13: Land Adj. to 18 Grantham Road	+	+++?	+	+	--?	--?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	-	0
MBC/143/13: Land rear of 47-49 High Street, Bottesford	+	+++?	+	+	?	-?	-?	--?	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	--	0
MBC/152/15: Land at Bottom of Beacon Hill, Normanton Lane, Bottesford	+	+?	+	+	?	--?	0	--?	++	+	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/156/15: Land off Nottingham Road	++	+?	0	+	-?	--?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	--	0
MBC/166/15: Land South of Grantham Road	++	+?	+	-	-?	-?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	+	++	--?	0
CROXTON KERRIAL SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/080/13: Lings View Farm, Middle Street, Croxton Kerrial	+	+++?	++	+	?	--?	--?	--	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/079/13: Land west of Saltby Road & east of Highfields Farm, Croxton Kerrial	+	+++?	++	+	--?	-?	-?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	-	0
MBC/095/13: Land to the east of Saltby Road and south of A607, Croxton Kerrial	+	+++?	++	+	-?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/096/13: Land south of Main Street (A607) and west of The Nook, Croxton Kerrial	+	+++?	++	+	--?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0

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MBC/092/13: Farm (Church Farm) to the west of Middle Road, Croxton Kerrial	+	+++?	++	+	?	--?	--?	+/-	++	++	0	+	0	++	++	-	0
EASTHORPE SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/077/13: Land east of Castle View Road	+	+	0	-	--?	-?	-?	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	--?	0
MBC/026/16: South of Vale End House	+	+	0	-	--?	--?	-?	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	+	+	--?	0
MBC/027/16: Land west of Green Lane	+	+	0	-	--?	--?	0?	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	+	+	-	0
MBC/028/16: Land east of Green lane	+	+	0	-	--?	--?	0?	-/+?	+	+/-	0	+	0	+	+	-	0
FRISBY ON THE WREAKE SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/191/15: Land off Great Lane, Frisby on the Wreake	+	+++?	+	-	-?	-?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/004/16: Water Lane, Frisby on the Wreake	+	+++?	+	-	-?	-?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/007/16: Land due south of village	+	+++?	+	-	-?	-?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/036/16a: Rotherby Lane	+	+++?	+	-	--?	--?	-?	+/-	+	++/-	0	+	0	0	+	0	0
MBC/036/16b: Rotherby Lane	+	+++?	+	-	--?	--?	-?	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0/--?	+	-	0
MBC/037/16: Rotherby Lane	+	+++?	+	-	-?	-?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
GADDESBY SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/016/13: Land off Church Lane and Ashby Road	++	+++?	+	-	--?	--?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0/--?	+	--?	0
MBC/017/13: Land off Pasture Lane	+	+	+	-	--?	--?	0	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MBC/193/15: Land at rear of Gaddesby Primary School	++	+++?	+	-	?	--?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0/--?	+	--?	0
HARBY SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/016/16: Land at Colston Lane	+	+++?	+	+	-?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/020/13: Former Millway Foods, Colston Lane	+	+++?	+	+	-?	-?	0	+	++	++	0	+	0	0	++	0	0
MBC/022/13&MBC/022/15: Land off Nether Street	+	+++?	+	+	-?	--?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	0
MBC/023/13&MBC/023/15: The Rectory, 1 Boyers Orchard	+	+++?	+	+	?	--?	-?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/038/16: Land north of Stathern Lane, Harby	+	+++?	0	+	?	--?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/155/15: Res Tractors, Willow Farm House, Waltham Road	+	+	-	--	?	--?	0	+	+	+/-	0	+	0	0/--?	+	0	0
HOSE SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/008/16: Land off Canal Lane	+	+++?	+	+	--?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/024/13: Land to the rear of Ferndale, 41	+	+++?	+	+	--?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0

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Bolton Lane																	
MBC/125/14: Electro Motion UK, Colston Basset Lane	+	++?	+	+/-	-?	--?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	0
MBC/163/15: Land opposite 11 Harby lane, Hose	+	++?	+	+	?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
KIRBY BELLARS SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/005/16: Field South of A607	++	-?	++	+	--?	--?	0	--?	-	++/-	0	-	0	0	-	-	0
MBC/025/13: Land at Main Street	+	-?	++	+	-?	--?	0?	--?	-	+/-	0	-	0	0	-	-	0
LONG CLAWSON SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/026/15: Field south of Coronation Avenue, West of Melton Road, Long Clawson	+	++?	+	+	--?	--?	0	--?	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/168/15: Land off Sandpit Lane, Long Clawson	+	++?	+	+	--?	--?	-?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/150/15: Birleys Garage, Waltham Lane, Long Clawson	+	++?	+	-	?	--?	0	+	++	++/-	0	+	0	++	++	0	0
MBC/169/15: Canal Farm, Long Clawson	+	++?	+	-	?	--?	0	+	++	++/-	0	+	0	++/--?	++	0	0
MBC/144/15: Corner of Broughton Lane and Hickling Lane, Long Clawson	+	++?	+	+	--?	--?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/028/13: Land off Back Lane, Long Clawson	+	++?	+	+	--?	--?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	-	0
MBC/027/15: Land north of East End, (Brunts Farm, The Pinale), Long Clawson	+	++?	+	-	?	--?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/178/15a: Site entrance road, Hickling Road	+	++?	+	+	-?	--?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/178/15b: Site entrance road, Hickling Road	+	++?	+	+	-?	--?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MELTON MOWBRAY SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/153/15: Land at Snow Hill (Jeld Wen)	++	++?	++	++/--	?	-?	0	++	++	++/--	0	+	0	++/--?	++	0	0
MBC/006/16: Land North of Kirby Lane, Melton Mowbray	+	++?	++	+	--?	--?	0	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/029/13: Ambulance Station, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray	+	++?	++	++	?	--?	-?	-/+?	++	++	0	+	0	+	++	0	0
MBC/030/13: Hilltop Farm, Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray	++	++?	++	++	--?	--?	-?	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/031/13: Land adjacent to St Bartholomew's Way and Horseguards Way	+	++?	++	+	-?	--?	0?	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/032/13: Site of King Edward VII school	++	++?	++	++	?	-?	0	+	++	++	0	+	0	+	++	0	0

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MBC/037/13: Silverdale, Scaford Road, Melton	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	0	++	++	++	0	++?	0	+	++	0	0
MBC/039/13: Land at Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray	+	++?	++	++	--?	--?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/124/13: 36 - 44 Thorpe End, Melton	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	0?	++	++	++	0	++?	0	++	++	0	-?
MBC/132/13: Land fronting Dieppe Way, Scaford Road, Melton	+	++?	++	++	?	--?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/133/13&MBC/133/14: Land at Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	0?	++	++	++	0	++?	0	++	++	0	-?
MBC/135/13: Beeby's Yard, Burton Street, Melton	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	-?	++	++	++	0	++?	0	++	++	0	0
MBC/136/13: Wycliffe House, Snow Hill, Melton	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/138/13: Land to the rear of 74 and 88 Dalby Road (Swale Close), Melton Mowbray	+	++?	++	++	?	--?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/139/13: Melton Building Supplies, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray	+	++?	++	++/--	?	-?	0	-/++	++	++	0	++?	0	++	++	0	0
MBC/158/15: Land off Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray	++	++?	+	+	?	--?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/170/15: Cowman's Yard, Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray	+	++?	--	+	-?	-?	0?	--?	++	+	0	-	0	-	++	-	0
MBC/179/15: Land adjacent to Melton Spinney Road, Thorpe Arnold	+	++?	++	++	--?	--?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	--?	0
MBC/186/15: Pera Business Park, Nottingham Road, Melton	+	++?	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
OLD DALBY SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/009/16: North Lodge Farm, Longcliffe Hill, Old Dalby	+	++?	+	-	--?	-?	0	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/018/16: Longcliffe Hill House	+	++?	+	+	--?	-?	0?	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/171/15: Debdale Hill Field, Old Dalby	+	++?	+	+	--?	-?	0?	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/172/15: South Wood Hill field, Old Dalby	++	++?	+	+	-?	-?	--?	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/182/15: Main Rd Old Dalby	++	++?	+	+	--?	--?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	--?	0
MBC/046/13: Station Lane, Old Dalby	+	++?	+	+	?	--?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
SOMERBY SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/048/13: Land off Burrough Road	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MBC/146/14: Football field, Oakham Road	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/023/16: Land off High Street	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MBC/024/16: Land off Manor Lane	++	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	++/--	++	-	0

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MBC/035/16: Somerby Equestrian Centre, Newbold Lane	+	++?	+	-	-?	--?	0	--	++	+/-	0	-	0	?	++	++	-	0
STATHERN SITE OPTIONS																		
MBC/012/16: Pasture Lane/Mill Hill	+	+++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	--?	-	0
MBC/025/16: Pasture Lane/Mill Hill	+	+++?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	-	0
MBC/030/16: Mill Hill	+	+++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	-	0
MBC/031/16: Blacksmith End	+	+++?	+	-	-?	-?	0	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	-	0
MBC/041/16: Land adjacent to Laveslesy House, 14 City Road	+	+++?	+	-	-?	--?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	-	0
MBC/195/15: Land between Harby Lane, Penn Lane and Long Lane	++	+++?	+	-	-?	--?	0	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	-	0
THORPE ARNOLD SITE OPTIONS																		
MBC/010/16: Land to the North West of Thorpe Road, (A607)	+	-?	++	+	--?	--?	0	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	-	0
MBC/011/16: Land to the South East of Thorpe Road, (A607)	+	-?	++	+	-?	--?	0	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	-	0
MBC/066/13: Land at Lag Lane, Thorpe Arnold	++	-?	++	++	--?	-?	0	-?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	-	0
MBC/154/15a: Thorpe Arnold outskirts of Melton (land east of Melton Spinney Road)	++	-?	++	++	--?	--?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	--?	-	0
MBC/154/15b: Thorpe Arnold, outskirts of Melton Mowbray (Land to the South of A607)	++	+++?	++	++	--?	--?	-?	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0/--?	+	-	-	0
MBC/154/15c: Thorpe Arnold, outskirts of Melton Mowbray (Land to the South East of Thorpe Road, (A607))	+	-?	++	+	--?	--?	0	--?	+	+/--	0	-	0	0/--?	+	--?	-	0
MBC/173/15: Avahan, Waltham Road, Thorpe Arnold, Melton Mowbray	+	-?	++	+	--?	--?	0?	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	-	0
MBC/174/15: The Holding, Waltham Road, Thorpe Arnold	+	-?	++	++	--?	--?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	-	0
WALTHAM ON THE WOLDS SITE OPTIONS																		
MBC/164/15: Land East of Melton Road, Waltham on the Wolds	+	+++?	++	+	--?	-?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	-	0
MBC/055/13: Land adjacent of Bescaby Lane, Waltham on the Wolds	+	+++?	++	+	-?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	-	0
MBC/192/15: Land at Manor Farm, rear of High	++	+++?	++	+	-?	--?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	-	0

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Street, Waltham on the Wolds																	
MBC/054/13: Land at 48 High Street, Waltham on the Wolds	+	++?	++	+	?	--?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/140/13: Land east of Melton Rd, WOTW	+	++?	++	+	-?	-?	0?	-	++	++	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	0
MBC/019/16: Land to the North of Goadby Road	+	++?	++	+	--?	-?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/020/16: Land west of Mere Rd, WOTW	+	++?	++	+	-?	-?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/053/13: Land rear of 19 High St, Waltham on the Wolds	+	++?	++	+	?	--?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WYMONDHAM SITE OPTIONS																	
MBC/070/13: Land known as Brickyard Lane, Wymondham	++	++?	+	-	--?	--?	0?	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/056/13: Glebe Road, Wymondham	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	-?	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/068/13: Land known as Gills Field, Rookery Lane, Wymondham	+	++?	+	-	--?	--?	-?	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	0
MBC/018/13: Land off Butt Lane	+	++?	+	-	?	-?	-?	-?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/072/13: The Station Yard	+	++?	+	-	--?	-?	0	-?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/067/13: Land know as Gills Fields	++	+	-	--	--?	--?	0	-?	++	++/--	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/069/13: Land known as The Adcocks	+	++?	-	--	--?	-?	0	-	++	++/--	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
MBC/071/13: Land known as Brickyard Lane	+	++?	+	-	--?	-?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0

SA objective 1: To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough

- 6.6 All of the residential site options are expected to have at least a minor positive effect on the objective of providing housing to meet the needs of those in the Borough, due to the nature of the development proposed.
- 6.7 Sites that have capacity to accommodate more than 100 new homes are considered to be relatively large and so will have a significant positive effect on the provision of housing. Larger sites are also likely to offer better opportunities for affordable housing to be integrated into developments. Positive effects on this SA objective are expected to be long-term and permanent.
- 6.8 25 of the 128 site options are likely to have a significant positive effect for this reason. These sites are distributed throughout the Borough at Asfordby, Bottesford, Frisby on the Wreake, Harby, Kirby Bellars, Melton Mowbray, Old Dalby, Somerby, Stathern, Thorpe Arnold, Waltham on the Wolds, Wymondham and Gaddesby. Therefore, the geographical distribution of the sites that are allocated is not expected to influence the achievement of this SA objective, with effects depending purely on site sizes.
- 6.9 Nine of the 25 sites that are likely to have significant positive effects on this objective are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan. The remainder of the allocated sites would have minor positive effects. All of the rejected options would also have either minor or significant positive effects.

SA objective 2: To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education

- 6.10 Almost all of the 128 residential site options are expected to have at least a minor positive effect on ensuring that the people of Melton have access to education. This is because most of the sites are located within towns and villages that contain at least one school. The majority of the sites for which positive effects are likely (all apart from 22) are within walking distance (taken to be 600m) of at least one existing school and so could have a significant positive effect. However, seven of the eight site options at Thorpe Arnold and the two site options at Kirby Bellars were found to have potential minor negative effects on this SA objective. This is because there are no schools within those villages that would be easily accessible for new residents. For the other site option at Thorpe Arnold (MBC/154/15b), a significant positive effect is likely because the site is within walking distance of an existing school in Melton Mowbray. Effects on this SA objective are expected to be long-term and permanent.
- 6.11 In all cases the potential positive effects on this SA objective are uncertain as the effects of new residential development on education will depend on the capacity of the nearby schools to accommodate new pupils which was not known at the time of the options appraisal, and the potential negative effects are uncertain as it was not yet known if new school places could be provided as part of the new residential development proposed. It is therefore important that consideration is given to the potential for existing schools to become overloaded, particularly if a number of sites are allocated in close proximity of one another, and that additional school places are provided alongside residential development if required to meet the growing demand (the cumulative impacts of the allocated sites are considered in **Chapter 7**).
- 6.12 Only two of the nine site options that were found to have potential minor negative effects on this SA objective are now included in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (MBC/010/16 and MBC/011/16) and both are reserve sites rather than allocations. Most of the allocated sites could have significant positive effects. Therefore, the allocated sites perform generally better than the alternative options considered.

SA objective 3: To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices

- 6.13 The location of housing development can affect the achievement of this objective by determining how well connected housing sites are to services, facilities and employment opportunities via

public transport links. This has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as part of its site assessment work, which considered the level of existing public transport provision at each site option. Consideration was given to the frequency of public transport services as well as to whether the sites are within 400m of a bus stop.

- 6.14 Despite the generally rural nature of much of Melton Borough, most (114 out of 128) of the sites would have either minor or significant positive effects on this SA objective, because they were assessed by the Council as having either less than one hourly or one to two hourly public transport services and as being within 400m of a bus stop. This reflects the fact that most of the site options are located within Melton Mowbray, or a Service Centre or a Rural Hub. One site option (MBC/170/15) was assessed by the Council as having no public transport services, despite being at Melton Mowbray (the site is to the west of the town, outside of the main built up area); therefore a significant negative effect is likely for that site. Another three sites (MBC/155/15 at Harby and MBC/067/13 and MBC/069/13 at Wymondham) were assessed by the Council as having very infrequent public transport services or as being more than 400m from a bus stop, so are likely to have minor negative effects on this SA objective. The remaining 10 sites, which are distributed between Asfordby, Bottesford, Easthorpe and Harby, are likely to have negligible effects because they were assessed by the Council as having moderate public transport services (less than two hourly) and as being more than 400m from a bus stop.
- 6.15 Sites within the following settlements are generally expected to have the most positive effects in relation to access to public transport: Melton Mowbray, Asfordby, Asfordby Hill, Croxton Kerrial, Kirby Bellars, Thorpe Arnold and Waltham on the Wolds. Asfordby and Waltham on the Wolds have been classified as Service Centres by Melton Borough Council, while Melton Mowbray is the Main Urban Area in the Borough and as such it is expected that site options located there would be in close proximity of public transport links.
- 6.16 The sites that scored less positively in relation to sustainable transport are generally at the smaller settlements which are located further from Melton Mowbray. Therefore, effects on this SA objective were found to be most positive if allocated sites are located in and around the larger settlements, where existing public transport services are better than in rural areas. However, it is noted that the development of new housing in rural areas may help to stimulate the provision of improved public transport links in those areas which would benefit existing as well as new residents.
- 6.17 Of the sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, 24 would have significant positive effects on this objective, reflecting the fact that a number of sites are allocated at the larger settlements including Melton Mowbray. None of the site options that would have minor or significant negative effects on access to sustainable transport have now been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan. Therefore, the allocated sites can be seen to perform well in comparison to the alternatives.

SA objective 4: To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community

- 6.18 The location of residential development will affect the achievement of this SA objective by influencing how close residential development is to existing employment sites, as well as the public transport links that may provide access to employment opportunities further afield. Judgements about how well-served sites are by public transport were informed directly by the Council's assessment work, as described above under SA objective 3. That information was combined with an assessment of the proximity of site options to existing employment sites to make judgements about the likely effects on this SA objective.
- 6.19 25 of the 128 site options were found to have significant positive effects on this SA objective because they are within walking distance (taken to be 600m) of an existing employment site and were assessed as having frequent (more than hourly) public transport services. Unsurprisingly, those 25 sites are all located at the Borough's larger and better connected settlements of Asfordby, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold. However, two of these sites (MBC/153/15 and MBC/139/13) would have a mixed effect overall as the development of the sites for housing would result in the loss of existing employment uses on those sites.

- 6.20 A further 59 of the 128 site options are either more than 600m from existing employment sites but were assessed by the Council as having frequent public transport services, or are within 600m of an existing employment site but have public transport services that were classed as being less than 'frequent'. Those sites are therefore likely to have a minor positive effect on access to employment opportunities.
- 6.21 40 site options were found to have minor negative effects on access to employment, because they are not within 600m of existing employment sites and were either assessed by the Council as having one to two hourly public transport services, or as having less than two hourly public transport services. Those site options are mainly located in the smaller villages of the Borough, being distributed between Bottesford, Easthorpe, Frisby on the Wreake, Long Clawson, Old Dalby, Somerby, Stathern, Wymondham, Ab Kettleby and Gaddesby.
- 6.22 Only three of the 128 site options (MBC/155/15 at Harby and MBC/067/13 and MBC/069/13 at Wymondham) were found to have significant negative effects on access to employment, because they are not within 600m of an existing employment site and were assessed by the Council as having no public transport services (for that reason, those same three sites also scored significantly negative in relation to SA objective 3: sustainable transport).
- 6.23 Three sites (MBC/125/14 at Hose and MBC/153/15 and MBC/139/13 at Melton Mowbray) were found to have mixed effects on this SA objective - while these sites receive positive scores in relation to the access that they would provide to existing employment opportunities away from the site, they are also likely to have negative effects because they would result in the loss of existing employment land within the site boundaries.
- 6.24 The SA work has shown that access to employment is likely to be best where sites are located in Melton Mowbray, Asfordby, Asfordby Hill and Thorpe Arnold where existing employment sites are located and public transport links are generally good. Effects will be less positive if residential development is located in the more rural parts of the Borough.
- 6.25 Twelve of the 25 site options with likely significant positive effects on this objective have now been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, although this includes two of the sites with mixed overall effects. The Council's reasons for allocating those two sites are explained in **Appendix 8**. None of the site options with wholly significant negative effects are allocated in the Local Plan.

SA objective 5: To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape

- 6.26 All new residential development has the potential to negatively affect the character of the landscape, particularly given the rural nature of Melton Borough.
- 6.27 Of the 128 site options, 57 could have a significant negative effect on landscape character either because they are assessed as being of high or medium-high overall sensitivity to development in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study¹³, or because the sites lie within an Area of Separation. Areas of Separation have been identified in the Borough to prevent the coalescence of settlement and therefore development within those areas could have particularly negative effects on local character. The sites with potential significant negative effects on the landscape are widespread, being located at Asfordby, Ab Kettleby, Bottesford, Croxton Kerrial, Easthorpe, Frisby on the Wreake, Gaddesby, Hose, Kirby Bellars, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, Old Dalby, Stathern, Thorpe Arnold, Waltham on the Wolds and Wymondham. This reflects the sensitivity of the landscape across much of the Borough.
- 6.28 A further 39 sites were identified as having a potential minor negative effect on this SA objective as they were found to be of medium or medium-low overall sensitivity to development in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study and are not located within Areas of Separation.
- 6.29 Negative effects on this SA objective are expected to be long-term and permanent. However, for all of the potential minor and significant negative effects identified in relation to this SA objective, there is uncertainty attached as effects on landscape character will be determined by the design of any development proposed and the incorporation of mitigation such as screening. The high

¹³ Influence (July 2016) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study

number of potential negative effects identified, and the broad distribution of those sites, shows that Melton Borough is relatively constrained in relation to landscape sensitivity and it will be important to ensure that appropriate mitigation is built into proposals for residential development (the detailed policies for the sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are appraised in **Chapter 7** and **Appendix 11**, taking into account any such mitigation).

- 6.30 The likely effects of the remaining 32 sites are uncertain because those sites are located in areas which were not assessed for their landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study and are outside of Areas of Separation. While effects can be indicated to some degree on the basis of whether the sites have previously been developed, further consideration will need to be given to the overall sensitivity of the landscape in those areas.
- 6.31 26 of the 57 sites with potential significant negative effects are now allocated in the Local Plan, while the other 31 are rejected. Therefore, the allocated sites and rejected options perform broadly similarly in relation to this SA objective.

SA objective 6: To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough

- 6.32 All of the 128 residential site options could potentially have at least a minor negative effect on conserving and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity in Melton Borough, as new development may result in damage or disturbance to habitats and species. All of the site options are within 1km of at least one designated biodiversity asset or known biodiversity feature.
- 6.33 The majority of the site options (84 out of 128) are within 250m of a designated biodiversity or geodiversity site or known asset and as such could have a significant negative effect on this objective. The remaining 44 sites are within between 250m and 1km of an identified biodiversity or geodiversity asset and so could have a minor negative effect. Effects on this SA objective could be either long-term or short-term, temporary or permanent, depending on whether they occur as a result of construction activities or once the new residential development is occupied.
- 6.34 The high number of potential negative effects on this SA objective reflects the widespread distribution of biodiversity assets within the Borough - many of the villages contain known bat roosts or are located within close proximity of great crested newts' breeding ground or. [REDACTED] As such, many of the sites which are located within the built up areas in Melton are still expected to have a negative impact on biodiversity and/or geodiversity and directing development to built-up areas in place of rural locations cannot be assumed to avoid effects on biodiversity.
- 6.35 The effects of all site options on this SA objective are uncertain at this stage, however, as the detailed proposals for each site were not yet known at the time of appraising the options and it was recognised that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation such as green infrastructure (the detailed policies for the sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are appraised in **Chapter 7** and **Appendix 11**, taking into account any such mitigation).
- 6.36 37 of the 84 sites with potential significant negative effects are now allocated in the Local Plan, while the other 47 are rejected. Therefore, the allocated sites and rejected options perform broadly similarly in relation to this SA objective.

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings

- 6.37 The likely effects of the residential site options on the historic environment have been assessed by the Council as part of its site assessment work, and this assessment has directly informed the SA.
- 6.38 The majority of the sites appraised (75 out of 128) are considered likely to have a negligible effect on the historic environment as they were assessed by the Council as having no heritage asset/setting issues. A further 31 sites are most likely to have negligible effects, although this is uncertain because the sites were assessed as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated. This reflects the fact that the residential site options are mainly outside of Melton Mowbray (19 of the 128 site options are located there) where there is a high concentration of the Borough's heritage assets. Melton Mowbray contains most of the Borough's Listed Buildings, Registered Parks and Gardens and Scheduled Monuments and many of the

remaining heritage assets in the Borough are at more rural locations where the sites appraised are not located.

- 6.39 For 18 of the site options, a potential minor negative effect was identified, because the sites were assessed by the Council as having a potential adverse impact requiring mitigation. The remaining four sites (MBC/076/13 at Bottesford, MBC/092/13 and MBC/080/13 at Croxton Kerrial and MBC/172/15 at Old Dalby) could have a significant negative effect on the historic environment as those sites are the subject of a Historic England objection and effective mitigation is considered unlikely, or Melton Borough Council has assessed the site and concluded that significant negative effects are likely. Where negative effects could potentially be mitigated, this should be achieved through relevant Local Plan policies (the detailed policies for the sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are appraised in **Chapter 7** and **Appendix 11**, taking into account any such mitigation). Negative effects that do occur are expected to be long-term and permanent. In many cases, the likely effects on this objective are uncertain and will depend on factors such as the design of the development which was not known at the time that the options were appraised.
- 6.40 None of the three sites with potential significant negative effects are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, and only eight of the 18 sites with potential minor negative effects are allocated. Therefore, the allocated sites can be seen to perform generally better than the rejected options.

SA objective 8: To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality

- 6.41 Most of the land in Melton Borough has been classified as being Grade 3 agricultural quality and there is only a small amount of Grade 4 agricultural land which is mainly located to the east of Melton Mowbray towards Leicester and to the west towards Wymondham, as well as to the north of the Borough around the villages of Long Clawson and Eaton. Given the extent of high quality agricultural land in the Borough it is unsurprising that 76 of the 128 sites are likely to have a significant negative effect in relation to soil quality. It should be noted that Grade 3a land is considered to be high quality, while Grade 3b is not, and in some cases the GIS data available to inform the SA did not distinguish between the two categories. Therefore, where Grade 3 land was identified but it was not known if it was Grade 3a or 3b, under the precautionary principle it was assumed that the land could be best and most versatile in agricultural terms.
- 6.42 Only 17 of the 128 site options are likely to have a positive effect on this SA objective as they are either partially or entirely on brownfield land. The prevalence of greenfield sites over brownfield sites within the site options reflects the rural character of the Borough and the limited availability of brownfield land for residential development. The sites which have been identified as likely to have a positive effect on this objective as they are on brownfield land are distributed between Asfordby Hill, Bottesford, Croxton Kerrial, Easthorpe, Harby, Long Clawson and Melton Mowbray; therefore there is only minimal correlation between development occurring within the larger settlements in the Borough and the availability of brownfield land.
- 6.43 Six of the 17 site options that are expected to have a positive effect on efficient land use and soil preservation are also expected to have a negative effect on this objective (resulting in a mixed effect overall) as they are located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. These sites are located in Bottesford, Croxton Kerrial, Easthorpe and Melton Mowbray where sand and gravel and limestone Mineral Consultation Areas are located and development therefore could result in the sterilisation of minerals. Although Mineral Consultation Areas do not cover most of Melton, they are spread throughout the Borough; therefore most of the site options will have a negative effect on this SA objective for that reason (in most cases this is as part of an already negative effect resulting from the proximity of sites to high quality agricultural land).
- 6.44 The SA findings showed that it may be difficult to avoid the loss of potentially high quality agricultural land due to its extent across the Borough and the limited availability of brownfield sites. Similarly, development is likely to take place near to Minerals Consultation Areas and consideration should therefore be given to the likelihood of sterilisation and opportunities for prior extraction should be explored if necessary. Where negative effects on this SA objective do occur, they would be long-term and permanent.

- 6.45 Of the sites now allocated, in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, most could have significant negative effects on this objective although the same can be said for the rejected options.

SA objective 9: To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough

- 6.46 Most of the residential site options (96 out of 128) are expected to have significant positive effects on the objective of promoting social inclusion and cohesion in Melton. This is because those 96 sites are located within Melton Mowbray or a Service Centre and as such should provide new residents with good access to existing services and facilities.
- 6.47 A further 30 site options are located at Rural Hubs and so would have minor positive effects on this objective as they would provide reasonable access to services and facilities, but less good in comparison to Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres. The final two site options are at a Rural Settlement (Kirby Bellars) and so would have minor negative effects on this objective because they would provide relatively poor access to services and facilities.
- 6.48 It is recognised that new residential development in the smaller settlements may help to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities or help support the viability of existing services and facilities; however the sites that have been appraised are small in scale and so are generally considered unlikely to directly involve the provision of new services alongside the housing. Where negative effects on this SA objective do occur, they would be long-term and permanent.
- 6.49 All but 13 of the sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan would have significant positive effects on this objective, reflecting the fact that many of the allocations are at Melton Mowbray and the larger settlements. Neither of the sites with minor negative effects have been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

SA objective 10: To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion

- 6.50 The effect that residential site options can have on reducing poverty, social deprivation and allowing for greater economic inclusion in the Borough will depend on the access they provide to education facilities and employment opportunities, and on the amount of housing they can provide. The likely effects of the site options on this SA objective are therefore determined on the basis of the effects already identified on SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 4: employment. 65 of the 128 site options have been identified as having a significant positive effect on at least one of these SA objectives, while having no likely negative effects in relation to any of them. These 65 sites are therefore recorded as having a significant positive effect on reducing poverty and deprivation and securing economic inclusion.
- 6.51 The sites that are expected to have purely significant positive effects on this SA objective are located at Asfordby, Asfordby Hill, Bottesford, Croxton Kerrial, Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, Old Dalby, Thorpe Arnold and Waltham on the Wolds. Five of these villages (Asfordby, Bottesford, Croxton Kerrial, Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds) are Service Centres and as such would be expected to provide a good level of access to employment opportunities and education facilities. Asfordby Hill is classed as a Rural Hub; however Asfordby Hill is located within close proximity of Asfordby and is located on the main route from Asfordby to Melton Mowbray and so can be expected to provide a good level of access to facilities potentially via public transport connections.
- 6.52 A further nine of the site options are likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective because they are expected to have minor positive effects on all of SA objectives 1, 2 and 4.
- 6.53 Minor or significant negative effects were identified in relation to 54 of the 128 site options, and were in all cases identified as part of an overall mixed effect along with a positive effect, because none of the sites are expected to have negative effects on all three of SA objectives 1, 2 and 4. The negative effects were mostly recorded in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) although some related to education (SA objective 2).
- 6.54 All but nine of the sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan would have a significant positive effect on this objective (although in some cases this is part of a mixed effect overall), while the effects of the rejected options are slightly more varied. As with SA objective

10 above, this reflects the fact that many of the allocated sites are at Melton Mowbray and the larger settlements where access to jobs and education opportunities are generally better.

SA objective 11: To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime

- 6.55 The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites, rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site which are not yet known. The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites (including those now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan and those that are rejected) on the objective of improving community safety, reducing crime and the fear of crime in Melton were considered to negligible.

SA objective 12: To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials

- 6.56 All new housing developments will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, but may also offer good opportunities for incorporating sustainable waste management practices, regardless of the location. However, residential development sites which are located on brownfield land will involve the reuse of previously developed land and additionally may present opportunities for the reuse of buildings and recycling of materials already onsite.
- 6.57 18 of the 128 residential site options are located either entirely or mostly on brownfield land and therefore might offer opportunities for the re-use of existing buildings and materials. Therefore, a potential minor positive effect on the objective of recycling materials is identified for those sites although this is in all cases uncertain depending on whether such opportunities would in fact exist when specific development proposals come forward.
- 6.58 The remaining 110 sites are located on greenfield land and would not offer opportunities for the reuse of onsite materials; therefore minor negative effects are expected on this SA objective. The prevalence of greenfield site options for residential development reflects the rural nature of Melton.
- 6.59 Eleven of the 18 sites with potential minor positive effects on this objective are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan; therefore in general the allocated sites perform slightly better than the alternatives. The Council's reasons for rejecting the other seven brownfield sites are detailed in **Appendix 8**.

SA objective 13: To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth

- 6.60 The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Melton Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues were assessed separately under SA objective 3 and 4. Therefore, all of the residential site options (including those now allocated in the Submission Local Plan and the rejected options) have been assessed as having a negligible effect on providing physical infrastructure for economic growth in the Borough.

SA objective 14: To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life

- 6.61 The effects of the site options on this SA objective are very mixed. Of the 128 site options, 32 are expected to have a significant positive effect on health because they are located within walking distance of a healthcare facility and provide nearby access to an open space or sports facility and public right of way. These sites are located mainly within the more developed areas of the Borough where healthcare facilities are located – hospitals and GPs are only located in a

limited number of the Borough's settlements (Croxtton Kerrial, Bottesford, Long Clawson, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray and Somerby).

- 6.62 A further 29 sites are likely to have a minor positive effect on health as they are located in villages that have a healthcare facility but are not within walking distance of that facility. These sites are also located within walking distance of a public right of way, an area of open space or a sports facility.
- 6.63 However, of the sites with likely positive effects, 13 are as part of a mixed effect overall – those 13 sites could also have a significant negative effect on health and wellbeing given that they include a sport/recreation facility, area of open space or public right of way/cycle path within their boundaries, which could be lost if these sites are developed for housing. This is in all cases uncertain, however, as it may be possible to incorporate those assets into the residential development or require their replacement.
- 6.64 67 sites are located in villages that did not have a healthcare facility but are located within walking distance of a public right of way, an open space or a sports facility, and as such a negligible effect was scored for these sites. Thirteen of these sites also include a facility which might be lost if development was to take place at those sites and so the negligible score is part of a mixed effect overall.
- 6.65 The high number of positive effects on this SA objective suggests that access to open space, sport facilities and/or public rights of way is generally good for most site options. Healthcare facilities are less readily accessible but this reflects the rural nature of Melton.
- 6.66 The effects of the sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan and those that are rejected are broadly similar, both being very mixed. Of the allocated sites, 11 are likely to have wholly significant positive effects while this is the case for nine of the rejected options. As 14 of the allocated sites could have mixed effects overall due to the presence of a sport/recreation facility, area of open space or public right of way/cycle path within their boundaries, opportunities to retain or relocate these features should be explored. (The detailed proposals for the allocated sites as set out in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are appraised in **Chapter 7** and **Appendix 11**).

SA objective 15: To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough

- 6.67 Residential development in the Borough will inevitably result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions. This is expected to result from emissions directly from new properties as well as from the increased vehicle traffic associated with new residential development.
- 6.68 While design issues may play a greater role than location in the reduction of greenhouse gases from buildings, the location of residential development may influence levels of emissions from vehicle traffic. Residential development which is located in close proximity to existing employment opportunities and services and which provides good access to public transport services may help to reduce the need for car use and the associated emissions. This would also help to improve air quality in the Borough – while there are currently no AQMAs with Melton, it is still important to maintain and enhance air quality across the Borough.
- 6.69 The likely effects of the site options on this SA objective have been based on Melton Borough Council's settlement hierarchy, in the same way as for SA objective 9.
- 6.70 Most of the residential site options (96 out of 128) are expected to have significant positive effects on this objective. This is because those 96 sites are located within Melton Mowbray or a Service Centre and as such should provide new residents with good access to existing services and facilities and job opportunities without needing to use cars as much day to day.
- 6.71 A further 30 site options are located at Rural Hubs and so would have minor positive effects on this objective as they would provide reasonable access to services, facilities and jobs without needing to travel longer distances via car, but less good in comparison to Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres. The final two site options are at a Rural Settlement (Kirby Bellars) and so would have minor negative effects on this objective because they would provide relatively poor access to services and facilities and jobs and may result in high levels of car use.

- 6.72 Effects on this SA objective are expected to be long-term and permanent although some mitigation may be achieved through policies in the Local Plan which promoted the use of sustainable transport and improvements to sustainable transport infrastructure.
- 6.73 As described under SA objective 9 above, the sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan perform generally well in comparison to the rejected options, reflecting the fact that many are at Melton Mowbray and the larger settlements.

SA objective 16: To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere

- 6.74 The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high flood risk zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of Flood Zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in Flood Zone 3a and is unsuitable in Flood Zone 3b. Information about whether the site options are located within these Flood Zones has been taken from the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Addendum¹⁴.
- 6.75 Nine of the 128 site options were identified as being at least 5% within Flood Zone 3b and so would have a significant negative effect. Most of these sites are located at Bottesford, and two are at Melton Mowbray.
- 6.76 A further 12 sites were identified as being at least 5% within Flood Zone 3a (but not within Flood Zone 3b) and so could have a significant negative effect although this is uncertain. These sites are distributed more widely around the Borough, at Asfordby, Bottesford, Easthorpe, Gaddesby, Melton Mowbray, Old Dalby, Stathern and Thorpe Arnold.
- 6.77 Most of the site options (93 out of 128) are entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (or have less than 5% of their land area within those zones) but are on greenfield land, and so are likely to have a minor negative effect as their development would result in the loss of permeable surfaces, although not in the areas at highest risk from flooding.
- 6.78 The remaining 14 site options are entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a (or have less than 5% of their land area within those zones) and are on brownfield land so are likely to have a negligible effect.
- 6.79 While development in any location may offer good opportunities to incorporate SuDS and therefore have a positive effect on reducing flood risk, this would depend largely on the design of the proposed development and not on the location of the site, which was not known at the time of options appraisal.
- 6.80 In the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, five of the 21 sites with likely or uncertain significant negative effects on flood risk are allocated (the Council's reasons for this are set out in Appendix 8). It is therefore particularly important to ensure that appropriate mitigation is designed into the development - this may involve using the areas of high flood risk for open space rather than built development. (The detailed proposals for the allocated sites as set out in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are appraised in **Chapter 7** and **Appendix 11** and take account of any mitigation now included in the site specific policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan).

SA objective 17: To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources

- 6.81 The location of housing sites could affect water quality, depending on whether they are in an area where there is capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. This information was not available at the time of undertaking the site appraisals. While there is a Source Protection Zone in the Borough, this is in the centre of Melton Mowbray and therefore some distance from most of the residential site options. The score given for most sites was therefore negligible. However, two of the site options at Melton Mowbray (including one which is now allocated in the Pre-Submission

¹⁴ JBA Consulting (July 2016) Melton Borough Council: Level 1 and 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Addendum 2016.

Draft Local Plan) could have a significant negative effect on water quality because they are within the Source Protection Zone in the centre of Melton Mowbray.

Sites now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

- 6.82 Under each SA objective above, a summary was provided describing how the sites that have been allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan perform in relation to the reasonable options considered. In relation to most SA objectives, the sites that have been selected perform as well as or better than the rejected options. **Appendix 8** lists each of the site options considered and sets out the Council's reasons for allocating each one or not.
- 6.83 The SA findings for the sites that are now allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan are presented in **Chapter 7** and **Appendix 11**.

7 Sustainability Appraisal Findings for the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

- 7.1 This chapter presents the SA findings for the policies (including site allocations) in the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan. The findings are summarised below, grouped in line with the chapters of the Local Plan document. The detailed SA matrices for each policy can be found in **Appendix 10** and the detailed SA matrices for the site allocations and reserve sites (listed in policies C1A and C1B) can be found in **Appendix 11**.
- 7.2 A number of amendments were made to the SA matrices for the allocated and reserve sites after the initial options appraisal work was completed, to take into account newly available evidence about biodiversity, to reflect some boundary changes and to take into account information provided in Appendix D of the Local Plan about the proposals for each site. These changes are reflected in SA matrices for the allocated and reserve sites in **Appendix 11**. The sites audit trail in **Appendix 8** shows which of the site allocations relate to which options and provide the Council's reasons for allocating each site or not in the Local Plan.

Spatial Strategy

- 7.3 The SA scores for the policies in this section of the Local Plan are set out in **Table 7.1** below.

Table 7.1: SA scores for the Spatial Strategy policies in the Local Plan

SA objective	SS1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development	SS2: Development Strategy	SS3: Sustainable Communities	SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation)	SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood	SS6: Alternative development strategies and Local Plan review
1. Housing	+	++	+	++	++	++
2. Education	+	++/-	+	++	++	0
3. Sustainable transport	+	++	+/-	++/-	++/-	+
4. Economy and employment	+	++	+	++	++	++
5. Landscape	+	+/--?	+/-	+/--?	+?/--	0
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	+	+/--?	+	+/--?	+/--?	0
7. Cultural heritage	+	--?	+	--/+?	+/-?	0
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	+	--?	+?	--/+	+/--	0
9. Access to services	+	++/-	++	++	++	0
10. Social and economic inclusion	+	+/-	+	++	++	+
11. Crime	+	0	0	+	+	0
12. Waste	+	-?	0	0	0	0
13. Economic growth	+	++	+	++	++	+
14. Health	+	++/-	+/-	++	++	0
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	+	++	-	++/-	++/-	0

SA objective	SS1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development	SS2: Development Strategy	SS3: Sustainable Communities	SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation)	SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood	SS6: Alternative development strategies and Local Plan review
16. Flood risk	+	-?	+	+/-?	+/-	0
17. Water quality	+	?	0	+	+	0

- 7.4 The effects of the policies in the Spatial Strategy section of the Local Plan are very mixed. While the large-scale development proposed through these policies, particularly SS2, is likely to have significant positive effects on the social and economic SA objectives, effects on the environmental objectives are more negative.
- 7.5 In particular, significant positive effects are likely in relation to **housing** (SA objective 1) and the **economy and employment** (SA objective 4) as the policies provide for large-scale housing and employment to meet objectively assessed local needs. The fact that most of this development will be focussed at Melton Mowbray, including through the delivery of the two Sustainable Neighbourhoods to the north and south of the town, means that it will be generally well-accessible via **sustainable transport** (SA objective 3) and may result in good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day, benefitting **health** (SA objective 14). The new Sustainable Neighbourhoods proposed to the north and south of Melton Mowbray are to provide improved walking and cycling links as well as healthcare facilities which would enhance their positive effects. **Access to services** (SA objective 9) at the town will also be good and the policies provide for the delivery of new services and other infrastructure to meet increased demand.
- 7.6 Although the high level of development which is likely to be undertaken in the Borough as a result of these policies is likely to result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and vehicles, the provision of development in close proximity to existing services and facilities and sustainable transport links means mostly positive effects were identified for the policies in relation to **greenhouse gases and air quality** (SA objective 15). The policies also provide for the improvement of community services and transport links which would benefit existing as well as new residents. A number of significant positive effects have also been identified in relation to **economic growth** (SA objective 13) and **health** (SA objective 14) given that policies within this chapter of the Local Plan would place development in areas which provide a good level of access to existing healthcare facilities, open spaces and routes which would encourage people to use more active modes of transport, as well as existing employment areas. The policies also provide for additional employment opportunities locally.
- 7.7 However, the fact that large-scale development is proposed on greenfield land in areas of medium-high settlement fringe sensitivity means that there could be significant negative effects on the **landscape** (SA objective 5) and the **efficient use of land** (SA objective 8). While the policies make reasonable provision for mitigating impacts on the landscape and the loss of high grade agricultural, as well as the potential negative effects identified on **biodiversity** (SA objective 6) and **cultural heritage** (SA objective 7), the potential for impacts remains until detailed proposals for development sites (particularly the sustainable neighbourhoods) are known.

Communities

- 7.8 The SA scores for the policies in this section of the Local Plan are set out in **Table 7.2** below.

Table 7.2: SA scores for the Communities policies in the Local Plan

SA objective	C1:A Housing allocations	C1B: Reserve sites	C2: Housing mix	C3: National space standard and smaller dwellings	C4: Affordable housing provision	C5: Affordable housing through rural exception sites	C6: Gypsies and Travellers	C7: Rural services	C8: Self build and custom build housing	C9: Healthy communities
1. Housing	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	0	++	+
2. Education	+	+	0	0	0	-	0	+	0	0
3. Sustainable transport	+	+	0	0	0	-	+	+	0	++
4. Economy and employment	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	+	0	+
5. Landscape	--?	-?	0	0	0	--?	-/+?	0	+	0
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	-?	-?	0	0	0	-?	-/+?	0	0	+
7. Cultural heritage	-?	0?	0	0	0	0	-/+?	0	+	0
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	--	+/-	0	0	0	-?	?	0	0	0
9. Access to services	+	+	+	0	+	++/-	+	++	+	+
10. Social and economic inclusion	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	+	0	+
11. Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
12. Waste	-	+/-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Economic growth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Health	+	+	+	0	0	-	+	+	0	++
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	+	+	0	0	0	-	0	+	0	++
16. Flood risk	-	-	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+
17. Water quality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7.9 The specific nature of most of the policies in the Communities section of the Local Plan means that a large number of negligible effects on the SA objectives have been identified. However, most of the policies will have significant positive effects on **housing** (SA objective 1) as they allocate sites for residential development to meet local needs, including reserve sites (policy C1A and C1B), and require it to be of an appropriate mix (policy C2), incorporating a high proportion of affordable housing (policy C4). Criteria are also set out for the provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers, if additional sites to those currently with planning permission are needed. Effects on **access to services** (SA objective 9) are also generally positive as the policies seek to ensure that new development delivers sustainable and balanced communities, served by the required infrastructure, in particular through policy C7.

7.10 However, two of the policies that would result in housing development (C1A and C5) could have significant negative effects on the **landscape** (SA objective 5) as sites are allocated through policy C1A in areas that have been assessed as being of medium or high landscape sensitivity and policy C5 could result in housing development in areas that would not normally be considered appropriate, in order to meet social and economic objectives. For that reason, the policy could also have minor negative effects on a number of other SA objectives. The potential significant negative effects on the landscape are uncertain, however, until detailed proposals for development come forward. Policy C1A could also have a significant negative effect on the **efficient use of land and minerals** (SA objective 8) because many of the allocated housing sites are on greenfield land or are close to minerals consultation areas. Policy C1B would have a mixed effect on this objective because a number of the reserve sites listed in that policy are on brownfield land but others are on greenfield land within areas of high quality agricultural land.

Site allocations

- 7.11 Policy C1A allocates 58 sites for residential development, and Policy C1B lists a further eight sites as reserve sites. Site allocations policies for these sites are set out in Appendix D of the Local Plan.
- 7.12 Detailed SA matrices for the site allocations and reserve sites can be found in **Appendix 11**. These are based on the SA matrices that were prepared for the corresponding site options, although they have been updated to take account of a small number of boundary changes as well as the information now provided in the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan about the proposals for each site, including any specified mitigation. The SA matrices also reflect the findings of the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study¹⁵ that has been commissions by Melton Borough Council for the allocated sites.
- 7.13 **Table 7.3** overleaf summarises the SA scores for the allocated and reserve sites listed in Policies C1A and C1B. Information about how the allocated sites perform in SA terms compared to the reasonable alternative options considered was provided in **Chapter 6**.

¹⁵ WYG (September 2016) Addendum to Melton Borough Council Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study Issued December 2015 (Addendum 1: Allocation and Reserve Sites)

Table 7.3: SA scores for the allocated and reserve sites listed in Policy C1

Site allocations	SA1: Housing	SA2: Education	SA3: Sustainable transport	SA4: Employment	SA5: Landscape	SA6: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	SA7: Historic environment	SA8: Efficient use of land and resources	SA9: Social cohesion	SA10: Social deprivation	SA11: Crime and safety	SA12: Waste	SA13: Local economy	SA14: Health	SA15: Greenhouse gases	SA16: Flood risk	SA17: Water
Allocated sites listed in Policy C1A																	
MEL GENERAL	0	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0	0
MEL1	+	++	?	?	-?	-?	?	-	++	+++?	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL2	++	++	++	++	?	-?	0	+	++	++	0	+?	0	+	++	0	0
MEL3	+	+++?	++	++	?	0?	0?	++	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	0	--?
MEL4	+	++	++	+	--?	0?	0?	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL5	+	++	++	+	-?	0?	0?	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL6	+	++	++	+	-?	-?	0	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL7	+	+	++	++	?	0?	0	++	++	++	0	+?	0	+	++	0	0
MEL8	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL9	+	++	++	++/--	?	0?	0	-/++	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	0	0
MEL10	+	++	++	++	?	0?	-?	++	++	++	0	++	0	++	++	0	0
MEL11	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MEL12	+	++	++	++	?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
ASF1	++	++	++	+	--?	0?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
ASF2	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	-	0
ASF3	+	++	++	+	?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	-	0
BOT1	+	+++?	++	+	--?	--?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
BOT2	+	+++?	++	++	--?	0?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	0	0
BOT3	++	+?	+	-	0?	0?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	+	++	0	0
BOT4	++	+?	++	+	--?	-?	0?	-?	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	-	0
BOT5	+	+?	++	++	?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
CROX1	+	+++?	++	+	--?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--	++	-	0

Site allocations	SA1: Housing	SA2: Education	SA3: Sustainable transport	SA4: Employment	SA5: Landscape	SA6: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	SA7: Historic environment	SA8: Efficient use of land and resources	SA9: Social cohesion	SA10: Social deprivation	SA11: Crime and safety	SA12: Waste	SA13: Local economy	SA14: Health	SA15: Greenhouse gases	SA16: Flood risk	SA17: Water
														?			
CROX2	+	+++?	++	+	-?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
CROX3	+	+++?	+	-	--?	0?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
HAR1	+	++	+	+	?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HAR2	+	++	?	--?	?	0?	?	++	++	++/--?	0	+	0	0	++	0	0
HAR3	+	++	0	+	?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HAR4	+	++	+	+	?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HAR5	+	++	+	+	?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS1	+	++	+	+	?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS2	+	++	+	+	--?	-?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS3	+	++	+	+	-?	-?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
LONG1	+	+	+	+	--?	0?	0	-?	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
LONG2	+	+	+	+	--?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	0	0
LONG3	+	+	+	-	?	-?	0	+	++	++/-	0	+	0	++	++	0	0
LONG4	+	+	+	+	-?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
OLD1	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
OLD2	+	+	+	+	?	0?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
SOM1	+	+	+	-	-?	-?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
SOM2	+	++	+	-	-?	-?	0?	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
STAT1	+	++	+	-	0?	0?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
STAT2	+	++	+	-	0?	0?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WAL1	+	++	++	+	?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WAL2	++	++	+	+	--?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	0	0
WYM1	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0?	-?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WYM2	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0	-?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WYM3	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0?	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	0	0
EAST1	+	+	0	-	--?	0?	0?	-/+?	+	+/-	0	+	0	+	+	-	0

Site allocations	SA1: Housing	SA2: Education	SA3: Sustainable transport	SA4: Employment	SA5: Landscape	SA6: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	SA7: Historic environment	SA8: Efficient use of land and resources	SA9: Social cohesion	SA10: Social deprivation	SA11: Crime and safety	SA12: Waste	SA13: Local economy	SA14: Health	SA15: Greenhouse gases	SA16: Flood risk	SA17: Water
EAST2	+	+	0	-	-?	0?	0?	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	+	+	0	0
ABK1	+	++	+	-	?	0?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
ASFH1	+	+?	++	++	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
ASFH2	+	+?	+	+	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
FRIS1	+	+?	+	-	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
FRIS2	+	+?	+	-	--?	0?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
FRIS3	+	++	+	-	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
GADD1	+	++	+	-	?	-?	0?	--	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
GADD2	+	++	+	-	?	0?	0	-?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0/--?	+	-	0
GADD3	+	+	+	-	--?	0?	0	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
THOR1	+	+	++	+	0?	0?	0	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Reserve sites listed in Policy C1B																	
HAR6	+	++	+	+	0?	-?	0	+	++	++	0	+	0	0	++	0	0
LONG5	+	+?	+	-	?	0?	0	+	++	++/-	0	+	0	++/--?	++	0	0
OLD3	+	++	+	+	?	-?	0?	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
SOM3	+	+?	+	-	-?	0?	0?	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
WAL3	++	++	++	+	-?	0?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	0
FRIS4	+	+?	+	-	--?	-?	0?	+?/-	+	++/-	0	+	0	0	+	0	0
THOR2	+	+	++	+	-?	0?	0	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MEL13	++	++	++	++	?	0?	0	++	++	++	0	+	0	++/--?	++	0	0

Economy

7.14 The SA scores for the policies in the Economy section of the Local Plan are set out in **Table 7.4** below.

Table 7.4: SA scores for the Economy policies in the Local Plan

SA objective	EC1: Employment growth in Melton Mowbray	EC2: Employment growth in the rural area	EC3: Existing employment sites	EC4: Other Employment and Mixed-use Proposals	EC5: Melton Mowbray town centre	Policy EC6 - Primary Shopping Frontages	EC7: Retail Development in the Borough	EC8: Sustainable Tourism
1. Housing	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0
2. Education	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Sustainable transport	++	-	++/-	+/-	+/-?	+	+	+
4. Economy and employment	++	++	++	+	++	++	+	++
5. Landscape	--?	+	0	+/-	0	0	0	+
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	--?	-?	0	-?	0	0	0	0
7. Cultural heritage	--?	0	0	-?	+	+	+	+
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	--	+	0	-	0	0	+	0
9. Access to services	0	0	0	0?	+	0	+	+
10. Social and economic inclusion	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
11. Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Waste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Economic growth	++	+	++	+	++	++	0	0
14. Health	+	-	+	+	+	+	0	0
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	++	-	+/-	+/-	+	+	0	+/-
16. Flood risk	-	?	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Water quality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7.15 The likely effects of the policies in the Economy section of the Local Plan are generally mixed. Due to the nature of the policies and their aim to encourage economic growth and job creation, six of the eight policies are likely to have significant positive effects on the **economy and employment** (SA objective 4) and four are likely to have significant positive effects on **economic growth** (SA objective 13). Broadly positive effects are also identified in relation to **social and economic inclusion** (SA objective 10) with all policies likely to have minor or significant positive effects on this SA objective.

7.16 However, the effects of the Economy policies on the environmental SA objectives are more mixed, in particular in relation to policy EC1. That policy could have significant negative effects on the **landscape** (SA objective 5), **biodiversity and geodiversity** (SA objective 6), **cultural heritage** (SA objective 7) and the **efficient use of land and minerals** (SA objective 8) as it could result in employment development in close proximity of biodiversity and cultural heritage features, and on greenfield land in areas of higher landscape sensitivity. However, some of these effects are uncertain as they will depend on the detailed proposals for development that eventually come forward

7.17 As the policies would deliver employment land which for the most part is in the more developed areas of the Borough and at locations where sustainable transport links are existing or will be supported, mostly positive effects have been identified in relation to **sustainable transport** (SA objective 3) and **greenhouse gases and air quality** (SA objective 15). Some

of these effects are likely to be combined with negative effects; however the effects in relation to both SA objectives for policy EC1 are expected to be significantly positive. These effects are likely given that the policies would support economic development in the most developed areas of the Borough meaning requirement to travel would be reduced.

Environment

- 7.18 The SA scores for the policies in the Environment section of the Local Plan are set out in **Table 7.5** overleaf.
- 7.19 The policies in the Environment section of the Local Plan are likely to have broadly very positive effects on the SA objectives, particularly the environmental objectives, due to the fact that these policies seek to conserve and enhance Melton's high quality natural environment and to avoid negative effects occurring from the development proposed under other Local Plan policies. In particular, a number of significant positive effects are identified in relation to both the **landscape** (SA objective 5) and **biodiversity and geodiversity** (SA objective 6). Both issues are directly addressed by specific policies (EN1 and EN2 respectively), but are also addressed by criteria in a number of other policies. Significant positive effects are also identified in relation to **cultural heritage** (SA objective 7), **waste** (SA objective 12), **health** (SA objective 14), **greenhouse gas emissions and air quality** (SA objective 15), **flood risk** (SA objective 16) and **water quality** (SA objective 17). In most cases these significant positive effects are associated with policies that directly address these issues and so should provide mitigation for the potential effects of development resulting from other Local Plan policies.
- 7.20 While some of the Environmental policies address quite specific topics and so a large number of likely negligible effects are identified, the policy relating to green infrastructure (EN3) in particular is likely to have a wide range of positive effects on several SA objectives, reflecting the multiple benefits of green infrastructure in relation to issues such as **sustainable transport** (SA objective 3), **health** (SA objective 14) and **flood risk** (SA objective 15). The policy relating to energy efficient development (EN9) is also likely to have a high number of positive effects due to the wide range of criteria addressed by the policy.
- 7.21 No likely significant negative effects are identified in relation to the Environmental policies in the Local Plan although policy EN1 could have a minor negative effects on the **economy and employment** (SA objective 4) because the policy requires that development is sensitive to its landscape setting and should not affect areas of tranquillity within the Borough. While this would have significant effects on the **landscape** (SA objective 5) and minor positive effects on **health** (SA objective 14), certain types of industrial developments may negatively impact upon tranquillity and the landscape and therefore may be incompatible with this policy. Similarly EN13 may have a minor negative effect on the provision of suitable **housing** in the Borough given that it may result in Article 4 Directions being put in place which may prevent residents from making improvements to their properties under permitted development rights.

Table 7.5: SA scores for the Environment policies in the Local Plan

SA objective	EN1: Landscape	EN2: Biodiversity and geodiversity	EN3: The Melton green infrastructure network	EN4: Areas of Separation	EN5: Local green space	EN6: Settlement character	EN7: Open space, sport and recreation	EN8: Climate change	EN9: Ensuring energy efficient and low carbon development	EN10: Energy generation from renewable sources	EN11: Minimising the risk of flooding	EN12: Sustainable Drainage Systems	EN13: Heritage assets
1. Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	-
2. Education	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Sustainable transport	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0
4. Economy and employment	-	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+
5. Landscape	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	+	+	++	+	+	+
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	+	++	++	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	++	+	0
7. Cultural heritage	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	0	+	+	+	+	++
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
9. Access to services	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
10. Social and economic inclusion	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
11. Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Waste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0	0	0
13. Economic growth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0
14. Health	+	0	+	0	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	0	0
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	++	++	++	0	0	0
16. Flood risk	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	++	++	0
17. Water quality	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	++	0

Managing Delivery

- 7.22 The SA scores for the three policies in this section of the Local Plan are presented in **Table 7.6** below.

Table 7.6: SA scores for the Managing Delivery policies in the Local Plan

SA objective	IN1: Transport and Strategic Transport Infrastructure	IN2: Infrastructure Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy	IN3: Broadband
1. Housing	0	+	0
2. Education	0	+	+
3. Sustainable transport	++	+/-	0
4. Economy and employment	+	0	+
5. Landscape	0	0	0
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	0	+	0
7. Cultural heritage	0	0	0
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	0	0	0
9. Access to services	+	+	+
10. Social and economic inclusion	+	0	+
11. Crime	0	0	0
12. Waste	0	0	0
13. Economic growth	++	++	+
14. Health	+	+	0
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	++	+/-	+
16. Flood risk	0	+	0
17. Water quality	0	+	0

- 7.23 Policy IN1 seeks to ensure that there is a safe and efficient transport network in place in Melton Mowbray. It includes a number of criteria for reducing the need to travel by car and increasing levels of cycling and walking and so is likely to have a significant positive effect on **sustainable transport** (SA objective 3). A significant positive effect is also likely in relation to **economic growth** (SA objective 13) and a minor positive effect in relation to the **economy and employment** (SA objective 4) as the policy will help to ensure that economic growth is not impeded by a sub-standard transport network. A significant positive effect is also likely in relation to **greenhouse gas emissions and air quality** (SA objective 15) as increasing the use of sustainable transport will help to reduce emissions and the associated air pollution. This will also benefit **health** (SA objective 14). While policy IN1 makes some provision for ongoing car use, including the provision of parking and some improvements to the highway network including the development of a relief road at Melton Mowbray, these measures are not considered to detract from the overall aim to achieve modal shift. It is assumed that the potential environmental effects of any improvements to the highway network will be assessed in detail at the planning application stage.
- 7.24 Policy IN2 will fund a range of infrastructure types to support development; therefore minor positive effects are likely in relation to several of the SA objectives. Significant positive effects are likely in relation to **economic growth** (SA objective 13) as the policy will directly provide the infrastructure required to support growth. However, mixed effects are likely in relation to **greenhouse gases and air quality** (SA objective 15) as although the policy could fund improvements to sustainable transport infrastructure it also provides for funding road improvements.

- 7.25 Policy IN3 will have minor positive effects on **education** (SA objective 2) as the provision of broadband improvements will support learning. Similarly, minor positive effects are likely on the **economy and employment** (SA objectives 4 and 13) as improved broadband will support people in accessing a wider range of jobs and will support business developments. Benefits on **access to services** and **social and economic inclusion** (SA objectives 9 and 10) are also likely and the reduced need to travel resulting from better opportunities to work from home will benefit **greenhouse gases and air quality** (SA objective 15).
- 7.26 No likely significant negative effects are identified in relation to any of the policies in the Managing Delivery section of the Local Plan.

Managing Development

- 7.27 The SA scores for the policies in this section of the Local Plan are set out in **Table 7.7** below.

Table 7.7: SA scores for the Managing Development policies in the Local Plan

SA objective	D1: Raising the Standard of Design	D2: Equestrian Development	D3: Agricultural workers' dwellings
1. Housing	+	0	+
2. Education	+?	0	0
3. Sustainable transport	+	0	+
4. Economy and employment	+	+	+
5. Landscape	+	+	+
6. Biodiversity and geodiversity	+	0	0
7. Cultural heritage	+	+	+
8. Efficient use of land and minerals	0	+	+
9. Access to services	+	0	0
10. Social and economic inclusion	0	0	0
11. Crime	+	+	0
12. Waste	+	+	0
13. Economic growth	0	0	0
14. Health	+	0	0
15. Greenhouse gases and air quality	+	0	0
16. Flood risk	0	0	0
17. Water quality	0	0	0

- 7.28 The policies in the Managing Development chapter of the Local Plan are likely to have broadly positive effects on the SA objectives because they seek to ensure that development proposed under other Local Plan policies will be of high quality in terms of its design and construction. Policy D1: Raising the Standard of Design is likely to have minor positive effects on a particularly high number of SA objectives because of the broad range of criteria addressed by the policy. The minor positive effect of that policy on **waste** (SA objective 12) was previously uncertain because while the policy text required developments to include waste facilities where appropriate, it was not specified whether this includes facilities that allow for the sustainable management of waste such as storage facilities for recycling. The wording of policy D1 has now been amended in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan to clarify that this is the case; therefore the minor positive effect on SA objective 12 is no longer uncertain.
- 7.29 While policies D2: Equestrian Development and D3: Agricultural Workers' Dwellings could result in some development in rural areas, it is likely to be of a small scale and the policies include generally robust criteria for ensuring that potential negative environmental effects are avoided.

Both policies include criteria directly addressing the potential for impacts on the **landscape** (SA objective 5) and **efficient use of land** (SA objective 8), on **cultural heritage** (SA objective 7) and policy D2 addresses **waste** management (SA objective 12). Both of those policies would also have minor positive effects on the **economy and employment** (SA objective 4) because they would stimulate the rural economy by permitting appropriate equestrian developments and residential properties to support agricultural businesses.

- 7.30 No likely negative effects, minor or significant, were identified for any of the Managing Development policies.

Cumulative effects

- 7.31 **Table 7.8** at the end of this section presents a summary of the SA scores for all of the policies and site allocations in the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Melton Local Plan, including the 43 headline policies and the 58 allocated and eight reserved residential sites that are listed within policy C1 (the two large-scale site allocations each have their own policy, SS4 and SS5, and so scores for those site allocations are not listed separately to the policies). This enables an assessment to be made of the likely significant effects of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan as a whole on each of the SA objectives, i.e. an assessment of cumulative effects as required by the SEA Regulations.
- 7.32 Under each of the SA objectives below, consideration is also given to ways in which the effects of the Local Plan may be mitigated.

SA objective 1: To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough

- 7.33 The Local Plan makes provision for the development of at least 6,125 new homes between 2011 and 2036 to meet the objectively assessed housing need for the Borough. In accordance with policy C4, a target level of 37% affordable housing will be pursued which will help to ensure that housing is available to people on lower incomes and to address disparities between incomes and house prices. A mix of housing will also be provided in accordance with policy C2 to meet local needs, in particular the need for more small, entry level homes and housing for the elderly.
- 7.34 While most new housing development will be focussed at Melton Mowbray, the spatial strategy does make provision for some housing at smaller settlements to meet local needs there. All new housing will be delivered in accordance with the Local Plan policies relating to high quality design and construction, so it is assumed that the new housing will be high quality.
- 7.35 Overall, a cumulative **significant positive** effect is likely in relation to housing.

SA objective 2: To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education

- 7.36 The large-scale residential development proposed through the Local Plan could result in increased pressure on existing schools and colleges if provision was not made to meet the increased demand for school places. However, the Local Plan makes good provision for new school places, particularly by providing for new primary schools and funding for secondary school places as part of the two sustainable neighbourhoods proposed to the north and south of Melton Mowbray. In addition, many of the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan specify that improvements to educational infrastructure must be provided to support the proposed development.
- 7.37 The rural nature of Melton Borough means that it isn't realistic to expect that all residents will be within walking distance of a school; however the measures in the Plan relating to improvements to the sustainable transport network will help to ensure that more people are able to travel to schools and colleges by means other than car.
- 7.38 Most new residential development will be focussed at Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's schools and colleges; however this also means that opportunities to support rural schools through new development are limited. The Plan does, however, provide for some new development in smaller settlements which may help to maintain the viability of

village schools. This is particularly the case at Gaddesby where the primary school is currently undersubscribed and the site allocations at the village (GADD1, GADD2 and GADD3) will therefore help to support the ongoing viability of the school.

7.39 Overall a cumulative **minor positive** effect is likely in relation to education.

SA objective 3: To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices

7.40 The Local Plan makes good provision for improvements to the sustainable transport network, particularly through policy IN1: Transport and Strategic Transport Infrastructure and through the policies relating to the two new sustainable neighbourhoods to the north and south of Melton Mowbray. Proposals are included in these policies to improve bus services and provide safe new walking and cycle networks.

7.41 The fact that most new housing and employment development will be focussed at Melton Mowbray should mean that most people have shorter journeys to access jobs, services and facilities, and they may be more easily able to walk and cycle day to day. In addition, the co-location of large-scale residential and employment development along with services and facilities as part of two relatively self-contained sustainable neighbourhoods at Melton Mowbray will help to reduce the resulting traffic generation. This is particularly the case at Melton South where the sustainable neighbourhood will include 20ha of employment development alongside the new housing. Provisions in the Plan relating to highway improvements could facilitate ongoing car use but overall the Local Plan makes good provision to mitigate these effects.

7.42 Overall a cumulative **significant positive** effect is likely in relation to sustainable transport.

SA objective 4: To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community

7.43 The Local Plan provides for the development of some 51 hectares of employment land to meet local needs and to ensure that there are jobs available to meet the needs of the growing population. Most of this employment land will be located at Melton Mowbray (around 31 hectares) which should mean that the jobs created are accessible for most people and can be reached via public transport. The allocation of this employment land, and the measures in the Plan to safeguard existing sites, should encourage inward investment and result in the delivery of jobs to meet the needs of the growing population. Co-locating employment development with housing, in particular at the Melton South sustainable neighbourhood where 20ha of employment land is allocated, will help to ensure that people (including those without a car) have convenient access to jobs.

7.44 New employment sites will be developed in accordance with other plan policies relating to standards for design and construction, so it is assumed that they will be high quality, increasing their attractiveness to investors.

7.45 Overall a cumulative **significant positive** effect is likely in relation to the economy and employment.

SA objective 5: To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape

7.46 The landscape of Melton Borough is rural in nature and the settlement fringe sensitivity in many areas is moderate-high; therefore the large-scale residential and employment development proposed through the Local Plan could have negative effects, particularly because a significant proportion of the development is to be delivered through two large scale sustainable neighbourhoods on greenfield land at Melton Mowbray. A number of the small-scale sites allocated through policy C1 are also expected to have significant negative effects on the landscape.

7.47 However, the Plan makes provision for mitigating the potential landscape-related impacts of new development, in particular through policy EN1: Landscape which requires new development to be sensitive to its landscape setting as defined in the Landscape Character Assessment and to respond to guidance in the assessments of settlement fringe sensitivity in the Areas of

Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. New development is also required to be respectful of existing landscape character and tranquillity. Other measures in the Plan, such as policies seeking to enhance green infrastructure, will help to improve the overall setting of new development within the landscape. Therefore, the effects of new development on the landscape are to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for particular sites come forward at the planning application stage.

- 7.48 Overall a cumulative potential but uncertain **significant negative** effect is identified in relation to the landscape.

SA objective 6: To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough

- 7.49 The large scale development proposed through the Local Plan could affect biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly because a lot of the development is proposed on greenfield sites (although it is recognised that brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity). The loss of large areas of greenfield land, particularly at the two sustainable neighbourhoods to the north and south of Melton Mowbray, could result in the loss of valuable habitat and disturbance to species, particularly during the construction phase. A number of the small-scale sites allocated or reserved through policy C1 are also expected to have minor or significant negative effects on biodiversity and geodiversity due to their proximity to designated sites and known biodiversity features and because some have been identified as being of either high or moderate ecological sensitivity in the Biodiversity Study¹⁶ that has been carried out by White Young Green on behalf of the Council. However, the effects of new development on Melton's biodiversity and geodiversity are to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for particular sites come forward at the planning application stage.
- 7.50 In addition, the Local Plan makes good provision for the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly through policy EN2: Biodiversity and Geodiversity which requires ecologically sensitive areas to be protected and encourages development to contribute to wildlife networks. A number of the criteria-based policies in the Plan also make reference to the protection of biodiversity and the measures seeking to improve green infrastructure in the Borough will benefit habitat creation and improve connectivity. This could result in enhancements as well as mitigation.
- 7.51 The separate Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) that has been carried out in relation to the Local Plan concluded that the policies and site allocations within the Local Plan would not have adverse effects on the integrity of the European designated sites around Melton Borough.
- 7.52 Overall a cumulative **mixed (minor positive and significant negative)** effect is likely in relation to biodiversity and geodiversity.

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings

- 7.53 The large scale housing and employment development proposed through the Local Plan could adversely affect heritage assets and their settings, particularly because a large proportion of the new development is directed to previously undeveloped sites meaning that the setting of nearby heritage assets could be significantly altered. While one of the small-scale sites allocated through policy C1 could have minor negative effects on cultural heritage due to its proximity to designated assets, most of the allocated sites were considered most likely to have negligible effects. However, the effects of new development on cultural heritage are to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for particular sites come forward at the planning application stage.
- 7.54 In addition, the Local Plan makes good provision for the protection and enhancement of cultural heritage assets, in particular through policy EN13: Heritage Assets which requires new development to make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness, and seeks to encourage the enhancement of the built historic environment and its setting. This could result in enhancements as well as mitigation.

¹⁶ WYG (September 2016) Addendum to Melton Borough Council Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study Issued December 2015 (Addendum 1: Allocation and Reserve Sites)

7.55 Overall a cumulative **mixed (minor positive and minor negative)** effect is likely in relation to the historic environment.

SA objective 8: To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality

7.56 The Local Plan proposes large-scale development on greenfield land, in particular through the allocation of the two sustainable neighbourhoods at Melton Mowbray but also through the allocation of some of the small scale sites that are included in policy C1. This will result in the loss of large areas of undeveloped land, much of which is of good to moderate agricultural quality. While the Plan makes some provision for encouraging development on brownfield land, given the nature of the Borough, the scope for this is relatively limited.

7.57 Overall a cumulative **significant negative** effect is likely in relation to the efficient use of land and minerals.

SA objective 9: To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough

7.58 Most of the development proposed through the Local Plan is to be located at Melton Mowbray where there is relatively good access to the concentration of existing services and facilities. However, this approach will draw activity away from rural areas and opportunities to stimulate improvements to community services and facilities in those areas will be limited.

7.59 The Local Plan includes policies seeking to ensure that there are adequate community facilities available to support population growth, in particular by making provision for new facilities as part of the new sustainable neighbourhoods proposed to the north and south of Melton Mowbray. Co-locating services and facilities with residential development will ensure that people have convenient access and the sustainable transport improvements proposed through the Local Plan will also address accessibility.

Overall a cumulative **mixed (significant positive and minor negative)** effect is likely in relation to access to services.

SA objective 10: To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion

7.60 The measures included in the Local Plan to provide employment land and increase economic growth (as described under SA objective 4 above) will help to reduce poverty and social exclusion by increasing the range and quality of available jobs. This will in turn help to address social deprivation and exclusion. As described under SA objectives 1 and 2 above, the Local Plan makes good provision for affordable housing delivery and access to education which will further address this objective.

7.61 Overall a cumulative **minor positive** effect is likely in relation to this objective.

SA objective 11: To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime

7.62 Most of the policies in the Local Plan will not have a direct effect on this objective, although policy C9: Healthy Communities makes reference to ensuring that walking and cycle routes are safe. In general this SA objective will be affected by the design and layout of new development (e.g. the incorporation of lighting) which will not be detailed until the planning application stage. However, policy D1 addresses this issue to some extent, requiring development to be designed to reduce crime and the perception of crime.

7.63 Overall a cumulative **minor positive** effect is likely in relation to crime and safety.

SA objective 12: To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials

7.64 Large-scale development, as proposed through the Local Plan, will inevitably result in an increase in overall waste generation but not on a per capita basis. Levels of recycling will be determined largely by the behaviour of individuals; however policy EN9 supports development proposals that can demonstrate the effective use of materials that are sourced from high up the waste hierarchy

and that incorporate site waste management plans which emphasises waste minimisation, re-use and recycling during demolition and construction.

- 7.65 Most of the development sites that are allocated through the Local Plan are located on greenfield land and so there will be limited opportunities to reuse materials onsite. It is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection that operates in the Borough will be extended to cover new residential developments.
- 7.66 Overall a cumulative **mixed (minor positive and minor negative)** effect is likely in relation to waste.

SA objective 13: To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth

- 7.67 The measures in the Local Plan seeking to reduce congestion (improving the sustainable transport network and specific highways schemes) will help to make the Borough more attractive to investors. In addition, the allocation of around 51ha of employment land will ensure that there are sites available for development and they should be developed to high standards, in line with other Plan policies.
- 7.68 The population growth resulting from housing development will increase the size of the local workforce.
- 7.69 Overall a cumulative **significant positive** effect is likely in relation to enabling economic growth.

SA objective 14: To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life

- 7.70 The Local Plan proposes improvements to the walking and cycle network which will help to improve levels of day-to-day activity, benefitting health. Increased walking and cycling may also be facilitated by the location of most development at Melton Mowbray where journey times to access jobs, services and facilities are likely to be shorter. The provision of improved green infrastructure, open space and sports facilities through policies EN3 and EN7 in particular will also encourage and enable people to engage in active recreation.
- 7.71 While the population growth that will result from the residential development proposed through the Local Plan could put pressure on healthcare facilities such as existing GP surgeries, provision is made through the Plan for improvements to infrastructure to support the new development. While healthcare infrastructure is not always referred to specifically, this is taken to be included within community facilities.
- 7.72 Overall a cumulative **minor positive** effect is likely in relation to health.

SA objective 15: To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough

- 7.73 The large-scale development proposed through the Local Plan will inevitably result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions from buildings but this will depend to some extent on the design of development. Policies in the Local Plan require new development to meet high standards of energy efficiency and encourage the incorporation of renewable energy generation, in particular policies EN9 and EN10.
- 7.74 In terms of emissions from vehicle traffic, the Local Plan makes good provision for improvements to the sustainable transport network, particularly through policy IN1: Transport and Strategic Transport Infrastructure and through the policies relating to the two new sustainable neighbourhoods to the north and south of Melton Mowbray. Proposals are included in these policies to improve bus services and provide safe new walking and cycle networks.
- 7.75 The fact that most new housing and employment development will be focussed at Melton Mowbray should mean that most people have shorter journeys to access jobs, services and facilities, and they may be more easily able to walk and cycle day to day, reducing emissions from car use. In addition, the co-location of large-scale residential and employment development along with services and facilities as part of two relatively self-contained sustainable neighbourhoods at Melton Mowbray will help to reduce the resulting traffic generation.

Improvements to the highway network will help to reduce congestion and the associated pockets of poor air quality, although they could also encourage car use.

- 7.76 Overall a cumulative **mixed (significant positive and minor negative)** effect is likely in relation to greenhouse gas emissions and air quality.

SA objective 16: To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere

- 7.77 The allocation of large areas of greenfield land through the Local Plan could reduce the extent of permeable surfaces available for infiltration and therefore increase flood risk, particularly because some of the site allocations include areas of higher flood risk (although it is possible that built development could be avoided in those areas). However, the Local Plan encourages the use of SuDS and the development of buildings that are adaptable to the impacts of climate change including flooding, and some of the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan require flood mitigation measures to be incorporated into the developments. The Local Plan also directs most new development to areas of lower flood risk. Measures seeking to protect and enhance the green infrastructure network will also be of benefit to flood risk management.

- 7.78 Overall a cumulative **mixed (minor positive and minor negative)** effect is likely in relation to flooding.

SA objective 17: To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources

- 7.79 The large-scale development proposed through the Local Plan will inevitably result in an increase in demand for water abstraction and treatment; however levels of per capita water consumption will not be affected. The Local Plan encourages the efficient use of water resources through policy EN9: Ensuring energy efficient and low carbon development. The policies that seek to manage flood risk (as described above under SA objective 16) will indirectly benefit water quality by reducing the likelihood of water pollution resulting from flood events. Almost all of the site allocations in the Local Plan are located outside of the Source Protection Zone in central Melton Mowbray.

- 7.80 Overall a cumulative **minor positive** effect is likely in relation to water quality and the efficient use of water resources.

Table 7.8: Summary of SA scores for the policies and site allocations in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

Local Plan policies and site allocations	SA1: Housing	SA2: Education	SA3: Sustainable transport	SA4: Employment	SA5: Landscape	SA6: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	SA7: Historic environment	SA8: Efficient use of land and resources	SA9: Social cohesion	SA10: Social deprivation	SA11: Crime and safety	SA12: Waste	SA13: Local economy	SA14: Health	SA15: Greenhouse gases	SA16: Flood risk	SA17: Water
Spatial Strategy policies																	
SS1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SS2	++	++/-	++	++	+/--?	+/--?	--?	--?	++/-	+/-	0	-?	++	++/-	++	-?	?
SS3	+	+	+/-	+	+/-	+	+	+?	++	+	0	0	+	+/-	-	+	0
SS4	++	++	++/-	++	+/--?	+/--?	--/+?	--/+	++	++	+	0	++	++	++/-	+/-?	+
SS5	++	++	++/-	++	+?/--	+/--?	+/-?	+/--	++	++	+	0	++	++	++/-	+/-	+
SS6	++	0	+	++	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0
Communities Policies																	
C1A	++	+	+	0	--?	-?	-?	--	+	0	0	-	0	+	+	-	0
C1B	++	+	+	0	-?	-?	0?	+/-	+	0	0	+/-	0	+	+	-	0
C2	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
C3	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C4	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C5	++	-	-	-	--?	-?	0	-?	++/-	++	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
C6	++	0	+	0	-/+?	-/+?	-/+?	?	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0
C7	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	++	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
C8	++	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C9	+	0	++	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	++	++	+	0
Economy Policies																	
EC1	0	+	++	++	--?	--?	--?	--	0	++	0	0	++	+	++	-	0
EC2	0	0	-	++	+	-?	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	-	-	?	0
EC3	0	0	++/-	++	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	++	+	+/-	0	0
EC4	+?	0	+/-	+	+/-	-?	-?	-	0?	+?	0	0	+	+	+/-	0	0
EC5	0	0	+/-?	++	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	++	+	+	0	0
EC6	0	0	+	++	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	++	+	+	0	0
EC7	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EC8	0	0	+	++	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+/-	0	0
Environment Policies																	

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EN1	0	0	0	-	++	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	
EN2	0	0	0	0	+	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	
EN3	0	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	
EN4	0	0	0	0	++	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	
EN5	0	0	0	0	+	++	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	
EN6	0	0	0	0	++	+	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	
EN7	0	0	0	0	++	++	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	++	0	+	0	
EN8	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	++	+	0	
EN9	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	++	+	+	++	0	+	
EN10	0	0	0	0	++	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	++	0	0	
EN11	0	0	0	0	+	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	++	+	
EN12	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	++	
EN13	-	0	0	+	+	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Managing Delivery																		
IN1	0	0	++	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	++	+	++	0	0
IN2	+	+	+/-	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	++	+	+/-	+	+
IN3	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	
Managing Development																		
D1	+	+?	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	
D2	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	
D3	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Allocated sites listed in Policy C1A																		
MEL GENERAL	0	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0	0	
MEL1	+	++	?	?	-?	-?	?	-	++	++?	0	-	0	+	++	-	0	
MEL2	++	++	++	++	?	-?	0	+	++	++	0	+?	0	+	++	0	0	
MEL3	+	++?	++	++	?	0?	0?	++	++	++	0	+?	0	++	++	0	--?	
MEL4	+	++	++	+	--?	0?	0?	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0	
MEL5	+	++	++	+	-?	0?	0?	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0	
MEL6	+	++	++	+	-?	-?	0	-?	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0	
MEL7	+	+	++	++	?	0?	0	++	++	++	0	+?	0	+	++	0	0	

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MEL8	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
MEL9	+	++	++	++/--	?	0?	0	-/++	++	++	0	+	0	++	++	0	0
MEL10	+	++	++	++	?	0?	-?	++	++	++	0	++	0	++	++	0	0
MEL11	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
MEL12	+	++	++	++	?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
ASF1	++	++	++	+	--?	0?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
ASF2	+	++	++	++	?	-?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	-	0
ASF3	+	++	++	+	?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	-	0
BOT1	+	++?	++	+	--?	--?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
BOT2	+	++?	++	++	--?	0?	0?	--	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	0	0
BOT3	++	+	+	-	0?	0?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	+	++	0	0
BOT4	++	+	++	+	--?	-?	0?	-?	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	-	0
BOT5	+	+	++	++	?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
CROX1	+	++?	++	+	--?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/-- ?	++	-	0
CROX2	+	++?	++	+	-?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
CROX3	+	++?	+	-	--?	0?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
HAR1	+	++	+	+	?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HAR2	+	++	?	--?	?	0?	?	++	++	++/-- ?	0	+	0	0	++	0	0
HAR3	+	++	0	+	?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HAR4	+	++	+	+	?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HAR5	+	++	+	+	?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS1	+	++	+	+	?	-?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS2	+	++	+	+	--?	-?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
HOS3	+	++	+	+	-?	-?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0

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LONG1	+	+	+	+	--?	0?	0	-?	++	+	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
LONG2	+	+	+	+	--?	0?	0	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++/--?	++	0	0
LONG3	+	+	+	-	?	-?	0	+	++	++/-	0	+	0	++	++	0	0
LONG4	+	+	+	+	-?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
OLD1	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
OLD2	+	+	+	+	?	0?	0	-	++	+	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
SOM1	+	+	+	-	-?	-?	0	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	0	0
SOM2	+	++	+	-	-?	-?	0?	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	++	++	-	0
STAT1	+	++	+	-	0?	0?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
STAT2	+	++	+	-	0?	0?	0?	-	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WAL1	+	++	++	+	?	0?	0?	--?	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WAL2	++	++	+	+	--?	0?	0	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	0	0
WYM1	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0?	-?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WYM2	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0	-?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
WYM3	+	++	+	-	--?	0?	0?	--?	++	++/-	0	-	0	0	++	0	0
EAST1	+	+	0	-	--?	0?	0?	-/+?	+	+/-	0	+	0	+	+	-	0
EAST2	+	+	0	-	-?	0?	0?	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	+	+	0	0
ABK1	+	++	+	-	?	0?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
ASFH1	+	+	++	++	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
ASFH2	+	+	+	+	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
FRIS1	+	+	+	-	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
FRIS2	+	+	+	-	--?	0?	0	-	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
FRIS3	+	++	+	-	-?	0?	0	--?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
GADD1	+	++	+	-	?	-?	0?	--	+	++/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
GADD2	+	++	+	-	?	0?	0	-?	+	++/-	0	-	0	0/--?	+	-	0
GADD3	+	+	+	-	--?	0?	0	--	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
THOR1	+	+	++	+	0?	0?	0	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
Reserve sites listed in Policy C1B																	
HAR6	+	++	+	+	0?	-?	0	+	++	++	0	+	0	0	++	0	0

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LONG5	+	+	+	-	?	0?	0	+	++	++/-	0	+	0	++/--?	++	0	0
OLD3	+	++	+	+	?	-?	0?	-	++	++	0	-	0	0	++	-	0
SOM3	+	+	+	-	-?	0?	0?	--	++	++/-	0	-	0	+	++	-	0
WAL3	++	++	++	+	-?	0?	0	--	++	++	0	-	0	0/--?	++	-	0
FRIS4	+	+	+	-	--?	-?	0?	+?/-	+	++/-	0	+	0	0	+	0	0
THOR2	+	+	++	+	-?	0?	0	--?	+	+/-	0	-	0	0	+	-	0
MEL13	++	++	++	++	?	0?	0	++	++	++	0	+	0	++/--?	++	0	0

Mitigation

- 7.81 It is a requirement of the SEA Regulations that consideration is given to “the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme”. For many of the potential negative effects identified in relation to the Melton Local Plan, mitigation will be provided through the implementation of other policies in the Local Plan itself.
- 7.82 **Table 7.9** below identifies the Local Plan policies that are expected to provide mitigation for the potential negative effects (both minor and significant) of other Local Plan policies. Note that only those SA objectives for which potential negative effects were identified have been included in the table. Two out of the 17 SA objectives are unlikely to be negatively affected by the policies or site allocations in the Local Plan.

Table 7.9: Mitigation for potential negative effects identified

SA objectives for which potential minor or significant negative effects have been identified	Other Local Plan policies providing possible mitigation
<p>1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.</p>	<p>C1: Housing Allocations, SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation) and SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood will help to provide the required number of houses throughout the Borough to meet local needs.</p> <p>Most of the policies in the Communities section of the Local Plan (C1-C6 and C8) will help to address the housing requirements of the Borough by ensuring proportionate levels of high quality new homes which are of an appropriate mix are provided within the Borough. Specialist housing including affordable homes should also be provided for by these policies.</p>
<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	<p>Specific policy criteria in SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation) and SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood will help to ensure that those developments are supported by adequate education infrastructure.</p> <p>IN1: Transport and Strategic Transport Infrastructure will help to ensure that people are able to easily reach schools and colleges even where they are outside of walking distance.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>IN1: Transport and Strategic Transport Infrastructure will enable more people to make use of sustainable transport day to day. Specific criteria in policies including SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation) and SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood should result in sustainable transport provision to support new development.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment</p>	<p>The policies in the Economy section of the Local Plan (EC1-EC8) will combine to help diversify and strengthen the local economy.</p>

SA objectives for which potential minor or significant negative effects have been identified	Other Local Plan policies providing possible mitigation
opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	<p>EN1: Landscape seeks to ensure that the quality and character of Melton’s landscapes are protected and enhanced and will apply to all new development including at the allocated sites. Most of the other Environment Policies (EC2-EC7) will help to support this protection, for example through the provision of additional green infrastructure in the Borough or by maintaining green spaces locally or specific Areas of Separation between local settlements.</p> <p>D1: Design also includes specific criteria relating to ensuring that the design and layout of new development is appropriate for the surroundings.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	<p>EN2: Biodiversity and Geodiversity seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity assets in the Borough and will apply to all new development including at the allocated sites.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	<p>EN13: Heritage Assets seeks to protect and enhance heritage assets in the Borough and will apply to all new development including at the allocated sites.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	<p>SS3: Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites) requires proposals for small-scale developments on non-allocated sites to avoid the loss of high quality agricultural land where possible.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	<p>SS3: Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites) requires proposals for small-scale developments on non-allocated sites to contribute to the sustainability of local communities, including through supporting and providing new infrastructure.</p> <p>SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation) and SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood require that community facilities are provided at the large Sustainable Neighbourhoods to the north and south of Melton Mowbray respectively to support the provision of new housing at both of these locations.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	<p>The policies in the Economy section of the Local Plan (EC1-EC8) will combine to help diversify and strengthen the local economy which will help to reduce poverty, deprivation and economic exclusion.</p> <p>C5: Affordable Housing through Rural Exception Sites will result in the provision of affordable housing to help to address this</p>

SA objectives for which potential minor or significant negative effects have been identified	Other Local Plan policies providing possible mitigation
	<p>element of social deprivation in Melton. SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation) and SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood will help to address affordable housing provision and will also help to provide local employment opportunities to address local poverty and economic exclusion.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	<p>EN9: Ensuring Energy Efficient and Low Carbon Development encourages the efficient management of waste.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	<p>EN7: Open Space, Sport and Recreation encourages the provision of facilities that will help increase levels of active recreation. IN1: Transport and Strategic Transport Infrastructure should result in more people walking and cycling day to day.</p> <p>C9: Healthy Communities would result in development which contributes to local health and well-being through open space, active transport link and health facility provision. It also requires that Health Impact Assessments are undertaken for new developments which should help to identify any potential negative health impacts that developments might have at an early stage.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	<p>IN1: Transport and Strategic Transport Infrastructure should result in more people walking and cycling day to day in place of car use. EN9: Ensuring Energy Efficient and Low Carbon Development will help to reduce increases in greenhouse gas emissions from new development.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	<p>EN11: Minimising the Risk of Flooding will direct development to areas of lower flood risk and EN12: Sustainable Drainage Systems promotes the use of SuDS in new development which will help to mitigate the potential effects of development on greenfield land in relation to reduced infiltration.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	<p>EN9: Ensuring Energy Efficient and Low Carbon Development requires that development is phased to ensure sufficient waste water treatment capacity is available before development is complete.</p> <p>Specific policy criteria in SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation) and SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood seek to protect and enhance water quality through those new developments.</p>

Changes to the SA findings since the Emerging Options stage

- 7.83 As described in **Chapter 4**, the Pre-Submission Draft consultation document is largely very similar to the previous Emerging Options version although some changes have been made to the policies and site allocations. Because of the close similarities between the Emerging Options and the Pre-Submission Draft consultation document, the detailed SA findings for the Emerging Options are not included in this SA report as they are very similar to those described in this chapter for the Pre-Submission Draft consultation version of the Local Plan.
- 7.84 Most of the changes to the SA findings since the Emerging Options stage show more positive effects, where amendments to policy wording have resulted in improvements to their likely sustainability effects. For example, policies SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood and Policy SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood have been amended to specify that the parts of the site at higher risk of flooding will not be used for built development.
- 7.85 The fact that detailed site allocations policies for the allocated and reserve sites listed in policy C1 have now been included in the Local Plan (Appendix D) means that the SA matrices for the corresponding site options have been able to be expanded to take into account specific proposals for the sites, including any specified mitigation (these matrices are presented in **Appendix 11** and the findings were summarised earlier in this chapter). The SA findings for the site allocations are therefore more detailed than was previously the case in the SA report for the Emerging Options.

Recommendations

- 7.86 A number of recommendations for the Local Plan were made in the SA Report for the Emerging Options, as set out below:
- Policy SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood and Policy SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood both allocate land for development that includes a small area of flood zones 2 and 3. It is recommended that it is specified in the wording of these policies that the parts of the site at higher risk of flooding will not be used for built development.
This recommendation has now been implemented in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.
 - Policy SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood could make specific reference to the provision of new walking and cycle links as part of the proposed development. It could also make clear reference to the provision of healthcare facilities to meet the needs of new residents, rather than just community facilities in general.
Both parts of this recommendation have now been implemented in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.
 - Policy EC8: Tourism supports the appropriate development of facilities for cultural, visitor and tourism uses and requires that such development does not adversely affect designated habitats or species; however the policy should refer to habitats and species in general, and not just those that are designated.
This part of the policy (now EC8: Sustainable Tourism) has been removed from the policy in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan; therefore the recommendation is not directly addressed. However, other policies in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan refer to the protection of habitats and species (in particular EN2: Biodiversity and Geodiversity) and would apply to tourism-related developments.
 - Policy D1: Raising the Standard of Design requires development to include waste facilities where appropriate although it is not specified whether this includes facilities that allow for the sustainable management of waste such as storage facilities for recycling – the effects of the policy would therefore be improved if this were clearer.

This recommendation has now been implemented in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

7.87 One further recommendation was made in a draft version of this updated SA report in relation to the policies in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan:

- The potential minor positive effect of policy D2 on the landscape (SA objective 5) is to some extent uncertain because the current wording of the policy implies that some negative effect may be permitted – it is stated that developments must not have an ‘overtly adverse effect on the landscape’. The effects of the policy would therefore be improved if this were to be amended to require no adverse effect.

This recommendation has now been implemented in the final version of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

8 Monitoring

- 8.1 The SEA Regulations require that *"the responsible authority shall monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of each plan or programme with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action"* and that the environmental report should provide information on *"a description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring"*. Monitoring proposals should be designed to provide information that can be used to highlight specific issues and significant effects, and which could help decision-making.
- 8.2 The Planning Advisory Service guidance on SA states that it is not necessary to monitor everything. Instead, monitoring should be focused on the significant sustainability effects that may give rise to irreversible damage (with a view to identifying trends before such damage is caused) and the significant effects where there is uncertainty in the SA and where monitoring would enable preventative or mitigation measures to be taken. Therefore, monitoring measures have been proposed in this SA Report in relation to all of the SA objectives in the SA framework for which likely (or uncertain) significant positive or negative effects have been identified from the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan. This was the case for all of the SA objectives apart from 11: crime.
- 8.3 **Table 8.1** sets out a number of suggested indicators for monitoring the potential significant effects of implementing the Local Plan. Where possible, this draws from the proposed monitoring framework for the Local Plan that has been prepared by Melton Borough Council and is presented in the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan. Where no relevant indicators are included in the Local Plan monitoring framework, other indicators are suggested although these are suggestions only as it is not certain at this stage whether the Council will be able to collect the suggested data.
- 8.4 The data used for monitoring in many cases will be provided by outside bodies. Information collected by other organisations (e.g. the Environment Agency) can also be used as a source of indicators. It is therefore recommended that the Council continues the dialogue with statutory environmental consultees and other stakeholders that has already been commenced, and works with them to agree the relevant sustainability effects to be monitored and to obtain information that is appropriate, up to date and reliable.

Table 8.1: Proposed Monitoring Framework for the Melton Local Plan

SA objectives	Proposed monitoring indicators
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of homes completed in accordance with need identified • Number of homes completed related to provision in the trajectory • Number of homes completed in Melton Mowbray Main Urban Area • Number of homes completed in Service Centres • Number of homes completed in Rural Hubs • Number of homes completed in the Rural Settlements • Permanent Gypsy and Traveller Pitches delivered up to 2036 • Decisions made in accordance with the housing mix policy • Decisions made in accordance with the national space standard policy • Number of affordable homes completed in the Borough
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of a Primary School at the South Melton Sustainable Neighbourhood • Delivery of a primary school at the North Melton Sustainable Neighbourhood
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion of people who travel to work by public transport • Railway Station footfall • Bus patronage levels • Number of Travel Plans implemented with new development • Number of users of cycle paths
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of employment land delivered at the South Melton Sustainable Neighbourhood • Amount of employment land delivered at Asfordby Business park • Amount of office space delivered in Melton Mowbray Town Centre • Amount of employment land delivered in the rural area in accordance with Policy EC2 • Amount of strategic employment land lost through change of use or redevelopment
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of applications refused as contrary to policy EN1 • Number of new proposals in 'sensitive landscape areas' (High Leicestershire, the Wolds Scarp, and the Knipton Bowl) granted permission in accordance with policy EN8 • Number of schemes granted planning permission in Areas of Separation contrary to the policy EN4
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Local Wildlife Sites • Number of Sites of Special Scientific Interest • Number of Local Geological Sites • Number of applications refused as contrary to policy EN2

SA objectives	Proposed monitoring indicators
7. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Heritage Assets at Risk • Number of Listed Buildings • Number of Historic Parks and Gardens • Number of Scheduled Monuments • Number of Conservation Areas
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of development taking place on previously developed land • Number of planning applications approved within a Minerals Consultation Area • Amount of development that takes place on best and most versatile agricultural land
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions made in accordance with the rural services policy • Number of new tourism, visitor and cultural development proposals granted permission in accordance with policy EC8 • Amount of open space and sport and recreation facilities
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of people living in fuel poverty • Number of people claiming Jobseekers’ Allowance • Affordable home completions
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	<i>No likely significant effects identified that require monitoring.</i>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion of household waste recycled • Amount of commercial waste recycled • Amount of waste sent to landfill
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of employment land delivered at the South Melton Sustainable Neighbourhood • Amount of employment land delivered at Asfordby Business park • Amount of office space delivered in Melton Mowbray Town Centre • Amount of employment land delivered in the rural area in accordance with Policy EC2 • Amount of strategic employment land lost through change of use or redevelopment
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions made in accordance with the Healthy Communities Policy • Amount of open space and sport and recreation facilities
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of new energy being provided from renewable or low carbon energy sources from large scale proposals
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of new large scale development that incorporates features which allows mitigation and adaptation to climate change • Amount of new development that is proposed in flood risk areas (zones 3a and 3b) • Amount of new large scale development proposals that incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage systems (SUDS)
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of planning permissions granted contrary to sustained objection of the Environment • Agency on water quality grounds

9 Conclusions

- 9.1 The reasonable alternative site and policy options as well as the policies and site allocations in the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Melton Local Plan have been subject to a detailed appraisal against the SA objectives. In general, the policy approaches and site options that have been taken forward in the Local Plan are those that perform more positively or at least as well against the SA objectives than the rejected options, although in a small number of cases other planning considerations have determined that other options should be taken forward. As described in this SA report, the Local Plan includes a number of policies that should help to mitigate the potential negative effects of proposals within the Local Plan.
- 9.2 The Pre-Submission Draft consultation version of the Local Plan proposes a substantial amount of housing, employment and other development across Melton to meet the future needs of the Borough; therefore the SA has identified the potential for significant negative effects on many of the environmental objectives including biodiversity, cultural heritage and the landscape. However, the Local Plan also includes a wide range of development management style policies that aim to protect and enhance the economic, social and environmental conditions of the Borough. These should go a long way towards mitigating the potential negative effects of the overall scale of development proposed, although some significant effects are likely to remain.
- 9.3 The fact that the Local Plan directs most new development to Melton Mowbray will have a range of benefits in terms of directing development towards the town with the greatest range of jobs and service provision in the Borough, and co-locating the majority of new residential and employment development, particularly through the delivery of two new sustainable neighbourhoods. While this approach will limit opportunities to stimulate service provision in the rural areas of the Borough it should mean that there are good opportunities for people to make use of sustainable modes of transport, travelling over shorter distances, and will enable more people to access the jobs created.

Next Steps

- 9.4 This SA Report will be available for consultation alongside the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan between November and December 2016.
- 9.5 Following this consultation the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan and accompanying SA Report will be submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination. Any proposed modifications to the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan arising out of this process may require SA, which will be consulted upon as necessary.

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Appendix 1

Consultation comments and how they have been addressed

Table A1.1: Scoping Report Consultation Comments and Responses

Note that references within this table to page numbers, paragraph numbers and appendices, as well as the numbering of the objectives in the SA framework, all refer to those used in the July 2014 SA Scoping Report. As well as the statutory consultees (Natural England, English Heritage (now Historic England) and the Environment Agency), the Scoping Report was made more widely available and the comments received relating to the scope of the SA are also presented in the table below. This table was originally presented in the SA Report for the Emerging Options (December 2015).

Consultee	Comment	Action
English Heritage (now Historic England)	1.3 Objectives: We welcome many of the objectives. With regard to objective 19 we consider that this should be amended to 'Conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment and Melton's heritage assets, and their setting' in order to better reflect legislative provisions and the NPPF.	Melton Borough Council amended the wording of this SA objective to reflect English Heritage's comment and the updated SA objective wording was used in the SA report for the Issues and Options Local Plan in 2014 (SA objective 8). Note that this SA objective has since become SA objective 7 but the wording of the objective has not been changed.
English Heritage (now Historic England)	5.35-5.37 Historic Environment: These paragraphs set out a very broad historic description of Melton's landscape. Reference should be made here to historic landscape characterisation. Links to the other heritage sections within the baseline data should also be made.	Noted. Reference to the historic landscape character of Melton is included in the baseline information, the latest version of which can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.
English Heritage (now Historic England)	5.64 Heritage: These paragraphs provide very little information on the overall historic environment in Melton. We welcome the information in relation to designated heritage assets. We do consider, however, that this section is very brief. It does not make reference to any relevant local information, for example historic landscape characterisation. Statistics for Registered Parks and Gardens are missing. We are also particularly concerned	Noted. The baseline information has been expanded to address these points, and the

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	<p>that no-reference is made to non-designated heritage assets. The historic environment of Melton is more than just the sum of its designated heritage assets; non-designated assets make up an important and valued part of this and it is important they are acknowledged as their protection is required by the NPPF. Therefore they should be reflected in the SA. Details of such assets are held on the Leicestershire Historic Environment Record (HER). More information is contained in our guidance note.</p>	<p>updated version can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.</p>
<p>English Heritage (now Historic England)</p>	<p>Table 16 – Key Environmental Issues: While we welcome recognition of the historic environment, this refers to the 'historic built environment' this should be amended to delete the word 'built' in order to reflect that not all elements of the historic environment in Melton are 'built' (for example some scheduled monuments, non-designated assets such as ridge and furrow and historic parkland).</p>	<p>Noted. The proposed amendment has been made to this key issue and the updated version of the table is presented in Chapter 3 of this SA report.</p>
<p>English Heritage (now Historic England)</p>	<p>Table 17 – SA Objectives: We welcome objective 8, however consider this needs rewording to better reflect the NPPF and legislative requirements. Specifically we consider this should state "conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings". More information is contained in our guidance note.</p>	<p>Melton Borough Council amended the wording of SA objective 8 to reflect this comment and the updated version was used in the SA report for the Issues and Options in 2014. Note that this SA objective has since become SA objective 7 but the wording of the objective has not been changed.</p>
<p>English Heritage (now Historic England)</p>	<p>Table 18 – Key Questions and Indicators: We note the proposed questions and indicators to be applied when assessing policies. We consider that the questions are narrow in their scope and fail to include any landscape historic environment issues. No reference is made to significance or setting of heritage assets and only archaeology is mentioned specifically. No reference is made to harm or enhancement. We consider that these require amendment. More information is contained in our guidance note in appendix 2.</p> <p>In relation to indicators, again we are concerned at their scope. 'At-risk' should identify more than just listed buildings. More information is contained in our guidance note in appendix 3.</p>	<p>Noted. These comments have been superseded by the changes that have since been made to the SA framework presented in Chapter 2 of this report which has been subject to further consultation with Historic</p>

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		England.
English Heritage (now Historic England)	8.5 Mitigation: We fully support the mitigation hierarchy and its underpinning principle.	Noted, no action required.
English Heritage (now Historic England)	8.6 Site Allocations: We note and welcome that additional screening criteria are used to assess the suitability and sustainability of the sites coming forward within the plan period. We look forward to providing comment on these in due course. For heritage assets, it is imperative that a holistic methodology is used – screening which is based only on distance as a measure of impact, for example, would not be appropriate. We are happy to provide advice on criteria, as appropriate.	Noted. The approach taken to the SA of site options, including in relation to effects on the historic environment, is described in detail in this SA report and information about the screening criteria that were applied by the Council is summarised in Chapter 2 .
English Heritage (now Historic England)	Table 28: Cultural heritage also has an important social role which should be reflected here.	There is no Table 28 in the SA Scoping Report so it is not clear what this comment refers to.
English Heritage (now Historic England)	8.11 The draft Melton Local Plan objectives: While we welcome objective 19, this should be amended (see comments under 1.3, above).	See response to comment on para 1.3 above.
English Heritage (now Historic England)	Appendix A: We consider the baseline data in respect of the historic environment to be very limited. Further information on relevant plans, programmes and policies can be found in our guidance note. At a very minimum, reference to the relevant Acts are required.	Noted. The baseline information and review of plans, policies and programmes have been updated as part of the preparation of this SA report and the updated versions can be found in Appendices 2 and 3 of

Consultee	Comment	Action
		this SA report. Both appendices seek to cover the full range of sustainability topics in an appropriate level of detail for the SA of a Local Plan.
Natural England	Natural England generally welcomes the Scoping report for the new Melton Local Plan and considers that the methodology and baseline information used to inform the scoping report appears to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and associated guidance.	Noted, no action required.
Natural England	Sustainability Objectives: Natural England generally supports the sustainability objectives particularly 7, 9 and 16. We suggest however that landscape character is specifically mentioned either as part of objective 7 or as a separate objective, particularly as 'landscape' is a topic area listed in the SEA Directive.	Reference to landscape character was added to the 'key questions' associated with SA objective 7 in the SA report for the Issues and Options. The SA framework has since been revised, as described in this SA report, and there is now an SA objective specifically addressing impacts on the landscape.
Natural England	Baseline Information: We suggest that the baseline information could be set out in a more logical order. For instance the section on Natural Habitats should be under the Natural Environment heading and the Historic Environment section would be better with the section on Heritage.	Noted. The baseline information has been restructured as part of the most recent update and the updated version can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.

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Natural England	<p>Recreation: We welcome the acknowledgement of the importance of green space within this section as we encourage access to natural and semi natural open spaces. We would suggest that you make reference to Natural England's 'standards for accessible natural greenspace' (ANGSt). These standards provide a set of benchmarks, which should be used to ensure new and existing residential development, has access to nature. More information can be found on Natural England's publication, 'Nature Nearby, Accessible Green space Guidance' (March 2010), available on our website publication reference NE265.</p> <p>We would also suggest that this section makes a stronger reference to Green Infrastructure (GI). The CABE Space Guidance 'Start with the Park' (2005) outlines the importance of planning around green spaces, with consideration being given to the context of local landscape character and contribution to the wider GI network. The provision of new GI should be considered at an early stage to ensure it is deliverable at plan stage. Another useful reference is Town and Country Planning Association publication "Planning for a healthy environment - good practice guidance for green infrastructure and biodiversity".</p>	Noted. The baseline information has been updated to address these points, and the updated version can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.
Natural England	<p>Agriculture: We would suggest that this section makes greater reference to the protection of soils. Where significant development of agricultural land is unavoidable, poorer quality land should be used in preference to that of higher quality, except where this would be inconsistent with other sustainability considerations. Paragraph 112 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) should be referenced when considering the protection of best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land.</p> <p>The Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) provides a method for assessing the quality of farmland to enable informed choices to be made about its future use within the planning system. It helps underpin the principles of sustainable development. Further information is provided on Natural England's website.</p> <p>http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/geodiversity/soils/default.aspx</p>	Noted. The baseline information has been updated to address these points, and the updated version can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.
Natural England	<p>Landscape: We welcome the section on landscape but advise that the Joint Character Areas are now known as National Character Areas (NCA). For further information please see our website:</p> <p>http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/publications/nca/eastmidlands.aspx</p>	Noted. The baseline information has been updated to address these points, and the updated version can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.
Natural England	<p>Natural Habitats: Whilst this section covers biodiversity we advise that it should also include geodiversity. We welcome the coverage of the Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) within the district however we advise that Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), Biodiversity Action Plans and Rutland Water should also be considered together with reference to the wider Green Infrastructure (GI) network.</p>	Noted. The baseline information has been updated to address these points, and the updated

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	<p>Information on non-statutory sites and species records may be obtained from the local Wildlife Trust and/or the Leicestershire and Rutland Ecological Records Centre and such information should be considered when assessing sites for development.</p> <p>Local Biodiversity Action Plans (LBAPs) identify the action required at a local level to deliver UK and regional targets for habitats, species, public awareness and involvement. They also identify targets for other habitats and species of importance in the more local context of their geographical area. Further information about Biodiversity in the UK is available on the JNCC website, including details relating to UK BAP priority species and habitats.</p> <p>We note that protected species have been mentioned within this section however we would suggest that you may want to refer to Natural England's standing advice on this issue which you may find helpful. It is available on our website: http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningdevelopment/spatialplanning/standingadvice/default.aspx.</p> <p>Standing Advice helps the Local Planning authorities to better understand the impact of particular developments on protected or BAP species should they be identified as an issue. The standing advice also sets out when, following receipt of survey information, the Local Planning authority may need to undertake further consultation with Natural England.</p>	<p>version can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.</p>
Natural England	<p>Rutland Water, located just beyond the Borough's boundary, is designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA), Ramsar site and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The reservoir has created a major wetland area which combines extensive sheets of open water with a complex of wetland and lakeside habitats and supports exceptional numbers and diversity of passage and wintering birds.</p> <p>As the competent authority Melton Borough Council will need to carry out a screening assessment under the Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2010 (the Habitats Regulations) to assess the impact of the proposed development within the Local Plan on both Rutland Water and any other Natura 2000 sites that could potentially be affected.</p>	<p>Noted. A separate HRA screening exercise has been carried out in relation to the Local Plan by LUC on behalf of Melton Borough Council.</p>
Natural England	<p>We suggest that Green Infrastructure (GI) could be given further consideration within this section and also within the health, recreation, community facilities and climate change sections in order to emphasise the multifunctional benefits of GI. This would assist in ensuring that GI is an integral, cross-cutting theme throughout the assessment and demonstrate an ecosystems approach with regard to the provision of GI. Good quality local accessible green space, ecosystems and actions to manage them sustainably offer a range of benefits, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to local greenspace can reduce health inequalities • Increased and improved accessibility to greenspace can help increase physical activity 	<p>Noted. The baseline information has been updated to address these points, and the updated version can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact with greenspace can help improve health and wellbeing Green space contributes to functioning ecosystem services that can have a positive influence on health. Ecosystem services can assist in adapting to the extremes of climate change, e.g. green areas have less heat-island effect than built up areas. Greenspace can also help improve air quality and respiratory irritants. Function ecosystem services can also mitigate the risks associated with flooding from extreme rainfall events. 	
Natural England	<p>Climate Change: We suggest that the baseline information should include a section on Climate Change which makes particular reference to climate change adaptation for example flood alleviation and cooling urban heat islands by the provision of appropriate green spaces or tree planting which would form part of the wider GI network and an ecosystems approach.</p> <p>We recommend reference to the Town & Country Planning Association publication Climate change adaptation by design which is available on the TCPA website.</p>	Noted. The baseline information has been updated to address these points, and the updated version can be found in Appendix 3 of this SA report.
Natural England	<p>Ecosystem Services: Whilst we note that Ecosystem Services have been mentioned within the Plans, Policies and Programmes (Appendix A) we suggest that there should also be a section on this topic in the main body of the report. Natural England promotes the ecosystem approach as it seeks to identify the range of ways the natural environment provides benefits to society and provides a framework for looking at whole ecosystems in decision making. Given that the SA appraises environmental effects and the interactions between effects there is an opportunity to account for the natural processes within ecosystems. An ecosystems approach emphasises the need to consider the limits of finite natural resources and services and could therefore help to identify the significance of effects as well as synergistic and cumulative effects, both important aspects of SA.</p>	While the SEA Regulations and Government guidance on SA do not require the consideration of ecosystem services within the assessment, there is potentially quite a bit of overlap between what the sustainability objectives are trying to achieve and the intention to improve ecosystem services.
Natural England	<p>Indicators: We generally welcome the indicators set out in Table 18 but we suggest the following may also be useful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of planning applications with conditions to ensure works to manage/enhance the condition of SSSI features of interest. Area of SSSIs in adverse condition as a result of development (information available from Natural 	Noted. These comments have been superseded by the changes that have since been made to the SA framework and subject to consultation

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	<p>England website).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BAP habitat - created/ managed as result of granting planning permission (monitored via planning obligations) and which meet Biodiversity Action Plan targets. 	with Natural England.
Environment Agency	We agree with the scope of the proposed assessment and the main issues identified.	Noted, no action required.
Environment Agency	On page 66 there is a section on Data Gaps, one of the gaps is Water Abstraction for the Borough. We will be able to provide you with information on Licensed Abstractions in the Borough. To request this information you can contact:- Midlandscustomerserv@environment-agency.gov.uk	Noted.
Environment Agency	Page 70 - Sustainability Objectives: We welcome Table 18 which has a range of objectives. We would like to see water efficiency being explicitly mentioned, a good place where this would fit appropriately could be within item 16 - adaptation to climate change and energy generation.	Noted. This comment has been superseded by the changes that have since been made to the SA framework and subject to consultation with Natural England.
Environment Agency	Page 108 – The Technical Guidance to the NPPF has been replaced by National Planning Policy Guidance, this reference either needs amending or deleting as I see that National Planning Practice Guidance is mentioned on page 116.	Noted. National Planning Policy Guidance is referenced in the updated review of plans, policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Environment Agency	Pages 130 and 131 – Water for Life and Livelihoods: A Strategy for River Basin Planning - This document appears on both pages.	Noted. This duplication has been removed in the updated version of the review of plans, policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Environment Agency	Page 213 - Melton Borough Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report.	Noted. The SFRA has been updated recently as

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	Given that this document is in excess of 6 years old you should consider updating it so that you have up to date evidence. You need to be confident that you have an appropriate evidence base to support your Local Plan, that will stand up to inspection at an EIP.	part of the evidence base for the Local Plan.
Environment Agency	Page 214 - There is a reference to PPS25 – this has been replaced by NPPF.	Noted. Reference to PPS25 has since been removed from the updated review of plans, policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Environment Agency	We draw to your attention the following policies, plans and programmes that may be of relevance (include as appropriate):	See specific comments below.
Environment Agency	Soar Abstraction Licensing Strategy - Feb 2013 This document sets out our strategy to manage the removal of water so that the needs of people and the environment are met sustainably.	Noted. Reference to the Soar Abstraction Licensing Strategy has been added to the updated review of plans, policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Environment Agency	Flood and Water Management Act 2010 The Flood and Water Management Act, 2010 takes forward some of the proposals from the Future Water and Making Space for Water publications and the UK Government's response to Sir Michael Pitt's Review of the Summer 2007 floods. The Act gives the Environment Agency a strategic overview of flood risk management in England and upper tier authorities responsibility for preparing and putting in place strategies to manage flood risk from groundwater, surface water and ordinary watercourses in their areas.	Noted. Reference to the Flood and Water Management Act has been added to the updated review of plans, policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Environment Agency	National Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England The Strategy considers the level of flood risk and how it might change in the future; the risk management measures that may be used; roles & responsibilities; future funding; and the need for supporting information.	Noted. Reference to the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for

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		England has been added to the updated review of plans, policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Environment Agency	<p>River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan</p> <p>The River Trents Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP) gives an overview of flood risk from all sources (eg rivers, groundwater, surface water etc) for each river catchment now and over the next 50-100 years. The CFMP takes into account the likely impacts of climate change; the effect of how we use and manage land; and how areas could be developed to meet our present day needs without comprising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</p> <p>Melton Borough is covered by Policy option 6 – “Take action to increase the frequency of flooding to deliver benefits locally or elsewhere, which may constitute an overall flood risk reduction (for example for habitat inundation)”.</p>	Noted. Reference to the CFMP has been added to the updated review of plans, policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Environment Agency	<p>Environment Agency’s Groundwater Protection: Policy and Practice (GP3)</p> <p>Our GP3 documents describe how we manage and protect groundwater now and for the future. Development proposals should follow guidelines set out in Part 4. The document sets out clearly what we consider is acceptable in different locations.</p>	Noted. Reference to GP3 has been added to the updated review of plans, policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Environment Agency	<p>East Midlands Regional Waste Strategy</p> <p>Whilst the policies and proposals within the Regional Waste Strategy for the East Midlands (January 2006) no longer have any statutory force under planning legislation, the evidence and analysis that supports them is still relevant to the work of Melton BC.</p>	Noted. No action required.
Environment Agency	<p>Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy</p> <p>Leicestershire Waste Partnership (LWP), for which Melton BC is an associate member, has a Municipal Waste Management Strategy which sets out the objectives, policies, actions and targets to be delivered by the LWP from 2010 – 2040 in terms of municipal waste management.</p>	Noted. Reference to the Municipal Waste Management Strategy has been added to the updated review of plans,

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		policies and programmes in Appendix 2 of this report.
Margaret Glancy	<p>The protection of Melton Country Park should be included in this document. It is a very special place for residents and visitors so should be protected as set out in the Biodiversity Report prepared for the Core Strategy i.e. recommended that there should be no developments on the East and North of the park boundaries to protect the wildlife etc. Indeed this subject was noted by the Planning Inspector during the Core Strategy Hearing. Flooding (land rain water run off) is a problem for the park and further development on land surrounding the park will no doubt increase this.</p> <p>There are more than three supermarkets in the town you have missed The Co-operative on Scalford Road and the planning permission granted for Lidl on Scalford Road. Please include these.□</p>	Noted. Reference to Melton Country Park has been added to the updated baseline information in Appendix 3 of this report.

Table A1.2: Consultation responses received in relation to the SA Report for the Local Plan Issues and Options

This table was originally presented in the SA Report for the Emerging Options (December 2015).

Consultee	Comment	Action
Natural England	<p>Natural England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Sustainability Appraisal of the Melton Local Plan (Issues & Options). Our comments are focused on the parts of the SA that are relevant to Natural England’s key interests which include biodiversity; geodiversity; landscape character and quality; green infrastructure; climate change; access to the countryside and other open space; the protection and enhancement of soils; and environmental land management.</p>	Noted, no action required.
Natural England	<p>Stage B1 of the assessment has tested the compatibility of the Local Plan objectives against the SA objectives and to identify both positive and negative effects. We have the following comments to make on the results presented in Table 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We think there is a positive correlation between Local Plan objective 2 and SA objectives 7 and 16. Reducing the need to travel and improvements to public transport can have benefits for the natural environment and help to mitigate the impacts of climate change by encouraging solutions which support reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. • Local Plan objective 14 relates to improving health and therefore we think this is compatible with SA objective 4 to encourage more walking and cycling. • Creating high quality development should include investment in the natural as well as the built environment. Natural England consider Green Infrastructure should be provided as an integral part of all new development, as it is fundamental to the creation of sustainable communities and essential for quality of life. Therefore we consider there is a positive correlation between Local Plan objective 15 and SA objective 7. • We think the Local Plan objective to reduce pollution will have benefits for the natural environment and therefore Local Plan 	Noted. An updated version of the compatibility assessment is presented in Appendix 4 in this SA report, reflecting the minor changes that have since been made to the SA objectives. These points have been addressed in that updated compatibility assessment.

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	<p>objective 16 and SA objective 7 are compatible. Stage B2 includes an appraisal of the options included in the Melton Local Plan (Issues and Options document) against the SA objectives. The outcomes of the SA, which provide information of the performance of the alternatives, should be used to inform the Local Plan process with recommendations being fed into the policy formation and selection of the most sustainable options being taken forward into the Preferred Options Stage.</p>	
Leicestershire Police	<p>Turning to your SA paper I am noting that you did not consult us at the earlier stage. There is paucity of content as far as SA objective 12 is concerned and we could have made suggestions e.g. on Policing demand and public perception about safety. It can't be right that security in design features more heavily here than having enough basic facilities and staff to keep a community safe especially when additional housing is proposed and bearing in mind our financial position. That is the thrust of NPPF and inspectors have been clear that Policing is fundamental to the sustainability of communities. In any case potential changes in the Building Regs part Q will ensure a lot of what is necessary for security in new housing and Police have worked very hard nationally to promote this. Again something that we could have shared if involved at the earlier stage.</p> <p>I see that SA O 12 is applied to some questions but not others. Who decides this please? More importantly we could have been informing the baseline particularly on what we have to resource to keep your existing community safe. That would have been of some use when we come to look at the impact of additional housing numbers in preferred options. What steps are you taking now to identify such a service baseline?</p>	<p>Noted. In the SA work for the Emerging Options, all options/policies have been appraised against the full suite of SA objectives including the one relating to crime and safety. Detailed information about the available police resources falls largely outside the scope of the SA although reference to this issue has been added to the updated baseline information in Appendix 3 in this SA report.</p>
Other SA-related comments received from consultees	<p>It was highlighted that the Inspector surmised that the SA was robust and credible in its conclusions that a southern SUE was the best for the town and the borough. Sites and evidence presented by developers and land owners (particularly for larger sites) should be tested against rigorous SA (as well as the NPPF and other relevant planning policy). The evidence from the latest SA (relating to the suitability of the southern SUE for development over the northern SUE) remains materially unchanged.</p>	<p>Noted. The reasonable alternatives for the spatial strategy for the Borough, as well as the options for the location of a potential SUE at Melton Mowbray, have been subject to SA again during the preparation of this SA report, building on the SA work carried out by the Council at the Issues and Options stage.</p>

Table A1.3: Consultation responses received in relation to the Revised SA Framework for the SA of the Local Plan

This table was originally presented in the SA Report for the Emerging Options (December 2015).

Consultee	Comment	Action
Natural England	Natural England is content with the changes that have been made to the SA Framework, which will be used to assess the Preferred Options, and we have no further comments to make at this stage.	Noted, no action required.
Historic England	<p>We support the overall thrust of the changes in terms of simplifying the objectives and ensuring these are split out in terms of the topics they cover. We support objective 7, in relation to the historic environment and new objective 5.</p> <p>With regard to the sub-questions, we raised concern at these in our previous response to the Scoping Consultation in July 2014. We considered these to be overly narrow in scope, and fail to include any landscape issues. No reference is made to significance or setting of heritage assets and only archaeology is mentioned specifically. No reference is made to harm or enhancement. We consider therefore, that these still require some amendment.</p> <p>Our SEA/SA guidance does offer some suggestions within appendix 3. We suggest that the following may be appropriate:</p> <p>Will it foster local distinctiveness of built form?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it conserve or enhance heritage assets including, buildings, conservation areas, landscape features and architectural and archaeological assets? • Will it protect or contribute to the appearance of the built form? • Will it protect the setting of heritage assets? • Will it lead to the repair and re-use of a heritage asset or tackle heritage at risk? 	Noted. The suggested sub-questions have been added into the revised SA framework.
Environment Agency	We support the changes shown in the Revised SA Framework and find that the Headline Objectives are now much clearer, focused and straight forward. We are particularly pleased to see "stand alone" objectives 16 & 17 which address climate change & flooding and water quality and	Noted, no action required.

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	water efficiency.	

Table A1.4: Consultation responses received in relation to the SA Report for the Emerging Options Local Plan (December 2015)

Consultee	Comment	Response
Natural England	We note and welcome the completion of an iterative Sustainability Appraisal alongside the emerging options paper. We note that some minor potential significant effects have been identified and mitigation measures proposed. We welcome the proposal to take account of these issues in the next iteration of the Local Plan.	Noted, no specific action required. The SA has been updated to reflect the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Local Plan and the conclusions updated accordingly.
Gladman Developments	<p>In accordance with Section 19 of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, policies set out in Local Plans must be subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA). Incorporating the requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, SA is a systematic process that should be undertaken at each stage of the Plan's preparation, assessing the effects of the Local Plan's proposals on sustainable development when judged against reasonable alternatives.</p> <p>The Melton Local Plan should ensure that the results of the SA process clearly justify its policy choices. In meeting the development needs of the area, it should be clear from the results of the assessment why some policy options have been progressed, and others have been rejected. Undertaking a comparative and equal assessment of each reasonable alternative, the Melton Local Plan's decision making and scoring should be robust, justified and transparent.</p>	Noted. The SA Report for the Emerging Options explained in detail the reasons for selecting some site options and rejecting others – for the small and large-scale site allocations this information was provided in Appendix 8. This information has been built on and updated in this updated SA report for the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan, which also presents the SA findings for additional site options that have been considered since the Emerging Options stage (see Appendix 8 in this report). Chapter 4 of this updated SA report provides information about the reasons for selecting or rejecting the policy approaches considered for the Local Plan.
Latham House Medical Practice	If a large housing development occurs, the Practice would need to increase their size and capacity to cope with the increasing number of patients registering with them. We have been asked to consider if we can accommodate such an increase. We have confirmed that we would be able to expand as we already have the land available adjacent to our current central site, to help this future growth. We are mindful that any increased premises infrastructure would need funding, and support from the Council, the developers and the East Leicestershire and Rutland	Noted, this comment relates to the issue of ensuring that existing services do not become overloaded as a result of new development. The potential need to expand or provide new services, is recognised throughout the SA.

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	<p>Clinical Commissioning group, who are named in the document. We are interested in working with all agencies to ensure this premises expansion occurs, and believe we are a vital part of the future services that will ensure residents health and well being are looked after.</p> <p>Without a growth in our building infrastructure and personnel, the new residents could have to register with a GP of their choice outside of the Melton Area.</p> <p>We already work closely together with all other agencies, and will be a key service provider in sustaining residents within their own residences for their future, we wish to continue to be involved in the key decisions that will be made in future planning consultations to ensure services match residents social and health care needs.</p>	
Richard Bloor	<p>Developments need to be in keeping with the local area and development in villages need to take into account why only a few people want to live here already - lack of transport and services. There are plenty of houses for sale in vale villages and demand needs to be there.</p>	<p>Noted. Issues associated with access to public transport links and community services are addressed in the SA framework against which all of the development site options have been appraised.</p>
Eileen Boyce	<p>I am concerned about the proposal for development of nearly 300 properties on Rectory Farm Land. This development which will be accessed from the bottom of Bow bridge Lane is an highly undesirable proposition for this village. The village is already congested with parked cars on High Street, Queen Street and Albert Street, and the car park at the doctors surgery is always full. With the possible addition of a further 600 cars to the village our village will not cope. Barkestoe Lane already dangerous at School times will be an accident waiting to happen especially at the junction of Albert Street, High Street and Barkestone Lane where children walking to school will be at serious risk of accident.</p> <p>It will be like having the A52 back in the village again before the bypass was built. Bottesford is an historic village which is popular with visitors from all over the country and the world. This addition will be detrimental to tourists who come to visit the local church (which appears in the doomsday book and is a grade 1 listed building), the old stocks which are currently out for repair, Dr Fleming Hospital, and The Bull Inn which was owned by Laurel and Hardies Aunt. Pack horse bridge hic was built by Dr</p>	<p>Noted. The reasons for the Council's decision to take forward the Rectory Farm site in the Emerging Options document were provided in Appendix 8 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options. The audit trail in Appendix 8 has now been updated to explain why the site is allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.</p>

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	<p>Fleming brother a local vicar.</p> <p>The addition of these developments will deteriorate the historical values in the village of which we are so proud.</p>	
David Boyd	<p>Small Scale Housing Options MBC/191/15 Frisby on the Wreake</p> <p>The proposed site is highly visible from a long distance and the proposed number of houses is far to many in a small village of great character. The road network is already dangerous leaving the A607 to turn into Frisby on the Wreake (I have seen a number of collisions and near misses over the past few years). This turning is very close to the proposed development. This roads leads to the junction with Great Lane, where visibility is very poor. The proposed building site is first class agricultural land with far reaching views across the valley and it would be an absolute travesty to permanently destroy an area of outstanding natural beauty. There are brown field sites within the village which would be far more suitable to provide housing needs.</p> <p>No thought is given to the many years of hard work current residents have taken to be able to afford to live in a good village. I personally have worked for 39 years and served in the Armed Forces for 28 years. I have saved for many years to achieve my dream and move to a beautiful unspoilt village at great cost. I moved 4 years ago at over inflated prices because it is a great village in an excellent location. The village also pay very high Council Tax because it is a good location.</p> <p>Will the Council be paying compensation to residents who will undoubtedly own a house worth far less if a housing estate is built all around it.</p> <p>I would like to invite any member of the Council or authorities to visit my home and see how a building site would destroy this area. I have given this a great deal of thought and have some ideas which you may be interested in. My contact details are 01664 434075 / 07931141454.</p> <p>I understand the Council have a very difficult job to do, but I urge you not to destroy the village by building so many houses in one highly visible area.</p>	<p>The SA has assessed the likely impacts of all of the site options (including this one) on the landscape and soils as well as a wide range of other sustainability topics. The Council's reasons for taking forward this site in the Emerging Options Local Plan were explained in Appendix 8 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options document. The audit trail in Appendix 8 has now been updated to explain why the site is allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.</p>

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Paul Emms	<p>Frisby on the Wreake Transport.</p> <p>At present the bus stop to a 20minute service Arriva route 5/5A is in excess of the 400 metres distant for any resident in Frisby on the Wreake.</p> <p>When the 2014 Local Plan was drawn up the village bus service 128 was a reasonable convenient Hourly service but due to Leicestershire County Council this has now been reduced to a 2 hourly service operating at inconvenient times for most of the regular users. This service is subsidized by LCC and is therefore possibly under review in order to the council having to save in excess of 70,00 pounds with the possibility of .adopting Direct Response Transport between Melton Mowbray and Syston only as mooted in the 2014 review of transport in the Wreake Valley.</p>	<p>Noted. The site option at Frisby on the Wreake (MBC/191/15) was assessed in the SA as having negligible impacts on sustainable transport, in recognition of the fact that although it is within walking distance of a public transport service, it only offers limited travel services/connections.</p>
Paul Emms	<p>Schools</p> <p>Frisby's primary school is now full to capacity with all the attendant chaos of parking and traffic congestion in the main and surrounding streets during the school run. Any additional housing in the village would therefore require extending the school with the provision of a suitable car park.</p>	<p>Noted. The SA recognises that the proximity of existing schools to potential new residential sites does not necessarily mean that there will be capacity at those schools to absorb additional pupils. This is reflected in uncertainty in the scores.</p>
Paul Emms	<p>The Bell Public house</p> <p>At present this is closed.</p> <p>Post Office/Village shop</p> <p>This was a sustainable business when the Post Office Sorting for Frisby and surrounding postal area was located in the shop but this has now been withdrawn due to streaming lining of postal services to reduce costs this puts the village shop at risk.</p>	<p>Noted, there is no specific reference to the public house or the post office/village shop in the SA report. Access to community services is assessed on the basis of the settlement hierarchy that has been defined by Melton Borough Council, with the larger settlements considered to provide generally better access to community services.</p>
Paul Emms	<p>Present location of additional housing off Great Lane.</p> <p>The site at this time is in the process of being surveyed with a view to the creation of a housing development (also in excess of 400m to a 20</p>	<p>The additional site options that have been identified since the Emerging Options stage have been subject to SA and the findings are presented in</p>

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	<p>minute bus service as Stated for recommendations for the Melton South Area). This would lead to a type of ribbon development and not consolidation of the village A possibility is the extension of the bungalows to the south of the existing bungalows on the proposed site to the junction adjacent to the existing bungalows on the west side of Great Lane may be feasible whilst retaining the visual aspect when entering the village.</p> <p>I now believe after attending the Neighbourhood Plan meeting at the village hall in Frisby that further parcels of land have now been submitted for review for the Local Plan. Will these additional areas be the subject of a Survey or is the land offered on and to the east of Great Lane already in the development stage?</p>	<p>Chapter 6 of this updated SA report for the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan. The SA work for the additional site options was carried out in June 2016 and provided to the Council at that time so that the findings could inform the Council's decision making about which additional sites to take forward in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.</p>
Christopher Hipkiss	<p>I am concerned about the proposed building of new houses in the Glebe Road area of Wymondham.</p> <p>There are three areas of concern that I would like to register:</p> <p>1) The narrowness of Glebe Road adjacent to the school. It is currently worrying enough with the quantity of cars dropping children off at the school plus those that are parked on either side of the road during the day. This could be increased by people moving into the new development. Remember children have cross the road or walk on the lefthand side of Glebe Road (no footpath) to their pick up cars. I do not think this can be a good thing? Do you?</p> <p>2) The additional number of cars coming from the new development onto Glebe Road will increase the risk of potential traffic incidents with the necessary agricultural traffic. These are exceedingly large vehicles, with elevated vision. Not easy to view small children.</p> <p>3) The development will remove the beauty of a countryside viewed when taking a walk up Glebe Road.</p> <p>I understand the need for these new house but I think other areas should be look at. For example - the plot of land to the left of the Old Police Station.</p>	<p>Noted, these issues are largely delivery-related and therefore outside of the scope of the SA. The Council's reasons for selecting site MBC/056/13 for inclusion in the Emerging Options were detailed in Appendix 8 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options document. The audit trail in Appendix 8 has now been updated to explain why the site is allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.</p>
Susan Christine Love	The report takes a limited view of real sustainability for the future. We	Noted. The SA objectives against which the options

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	<p>live in a very unstable world. Those of us who grew up during or shortly after the War know the consequences of restrictions on imports of food, for example.</p> <p>The Melton Plan must be robust in protecting good agricultural land and also in providing space , with sufficient sunlight, in gardens and allotments for people to produce their own food.</p> <p>Local basic food production is also vital to enable us to live within the ecological limits of our planet.</p> <p>The Borough unfortunately is a centre for the production of convenience processed food - ready-made sandwiches, e.g.</p> <p>We pay a high environmental cost for the transportation and waste involved in the production and consumption of these unnecessary products.</p> <p>Table 2.1 SA Objectives - unfortunately there is the same old commitment to economic growth as the way forward here.</p> <p>I would like to see the Melton Plan embrace a commitment fit for the 21st century to achieving prosperity and well-being without the current misguided commitment to more economic growth which is damaging to the environment and contributing to widening social inequality.</p> <p>We should support - new industries bringing green technology.</p> <p>Businesses which specialise in repair and maintenance.</p> <p>Basic local food production - farms, allotments and gardens.</p> <p>Local food distribution through farmer's markets, farm shops and local shops.</p>	<p>and policies for the Local Plan have been appraised seek to cover a balance of social, environmental and economic issues, all of which contribute to sustainable development in accordance with the Government definition in the NPPF.</p> <p>The points the consultee raises with respect to local sourcing of food, green technologies, etc. are very much in line with sustainability principles, but the ability of a Local Plan to be so prescriptive and constrained in terms of uses is limited.</p>
Susan Christine Love	<p>Belvoir Rd rejected SHLAA :</p> <p>I support the rejection of this site. No further development should take place here. The site is in a sensitive location re landscape and the views of the Belvoir escarpment and castle. The raising of the site for drainage makes the development more dominant than a development ought to be on the edge of a settlement. Barratts are draining the site into a minor waterway, the Winterbeck, and seem confused about which way the</p>	<p>Noted. As recognised in the comment, this site was rejected for inclusion in the Emerging Options Local Plan for the reasons set out in Appendix 8 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options document. The audit trail in Appendix 8 has now been updated to explain why the site is still not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan. The SA identified a</p>

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	<p>Winterbeck runs since their drainage outlet is angled upstream. In fact water from the site exits and joins the flow just before it passes under the small Winterbeck bridge. Our house in Belvoir Rd was flooded from the Winterbeck in 2001, and we received a further flood warning in 2012. If houses in Belvoir Rd are flooded for a second time they will not be insurable and thus not mortgagable. Apart from the huge problems this will bring the occupants it will reduce the available housing stock. Photos can be supplied of the water height only a foot below the bridge arch on 9 March, 2016. This followed less than one day's heavy rain and the Barratt's drainage system only dealing with about a dozen completed houses.</p>	<p>potential negative effect in relation to flood risk.</p>
<p>Susan Christine Love</p>	<p>Rectory Farm - preferred SHLAA 057/13</p> <p>Provided the drainage could be properly managed from this site it is a good choice for Bottesford. Water leaving the site will join the Devon and can be channelled to where the Devon is leaving the village. It is a less sensitive site re landscape and the approaches to the village than Belvoir Rd. It provides good opportunities for connectivity to existing paths into the West end estates on the nw side of the village and an opportunity for a linear park along the banks of the Devon which are currently not accessible to the public.</p>	<p>Noted. As recognised in the consultation response, this site was included as a preferred site in the Emerging Options Local Plan, for the reasons set out in Appendix 8 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options document. The audit trail in Appendix 8 has now been updated to explain why the site is allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.</p>
<p>Susan Christine Love</p>	<p>Normanton Lane - preferred SHLAA 181/15</p> <p>A good site in conjunction with Rectory Farm.</p> <p>There is a mistake in the assessment of the site on p. 198. The site is almost directly adjacent to Bottesford's industrial site off Normanton Lane - Perfectos Inks etc.</p> <p>The Sustainability of Bottesford in general is questionable. Bottesford is very low lying - It's not called Bottes-ford for nothing. There are two fords in the village. It is surrounded by flood zones and was seriously flooded in 2001. The village centre is small. The location of the school causes congestion at peak times when buses are entering and leaving via the narrow Barkestone Lane corner with the High St and schoolchildren are crossing. Further development of Bottesford will not improve the retail economy of Melton. Villagers shop online, and in Grantham, Newark</p>	<p>It is assumed that the mistake referred to is a reference to the statement on page 198 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options that the site is not adjacent to an employment site. This statement was made on the basis of the GIS data which was used to inform the SA- as explained in Chapter 2 of this report, it was subsequently realised that there were errors in the GIS layer used and the SA work for all of the reasonable alternative site options has since been revised to take into account the correct GIS data showing the locations of employment sites. There will inevitably be other businesses that employ people within proximity of some of the site options; however this standard</p>

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	<p>and Nottingham.</p> <p>Waltham on the Wolds has an excess of suitable SHLAA sites, no flood problem and is located near to Melton where it might be expected that additional housing could have a positive impact on Melton.</p>	<p>dataset was used to ensure consistency in the SA.</p> <p>All of the site options, including those at Bottesford and elsewhere, were subject to the same SA process against the full range of SA objectives and the Council's reasons for taking forward or rejecting each site considered were presented in Appendix 8 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options document. An updated version of this audit trail is now included in Appendix 8 of this updated SA report.</p>
Luci Ryan	<p>I am commenting specifically on all parts of the plan that relate to the following two options in Bottesford;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MBC/057/13 Rectory Farm Development - MBC/181/15 Land off Normanton Lane <p>The area marked for development is at significant risk of flooding. Paragraph 6.58 states "In addition, site MBC/057/13 is split by the river that runs through the site and potential flooding issues will need to be carefully considered there". The table detailing how the site meets the SA objectives goes on to state "Further assessment of emerging site The updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment work that has been carried out on behalf of Melton Borough Council has assessed this site as being 19% within flood zone 3b; therefore a potential significant negative effect is identified". On flooding grounds alone this site should be discounted. In fact MBC has previously discounted development at this site because of the flood risk (see Melton Strategic Housing and Land Availability Assessment 2012 reference 0342). It is concerning that in the space of less than four years MBC has decided that this is no longer the case. Given that previous 1 in 100 year flood events are becoming more frequent due to much wetter winters it is vital that flood risk assessments are updated for this site. If it was considered too high a flood risk to be developed 4 years ago, it is definitely too high a flood risk now. The provision of 256 houses and the alterations to drainage and flood attenuation this will bring to the site through the increase in hard</p>	<p>Noted. The Council's reasons for selecting site MBC/057/13 for inclusion in the Emerging Options were detailed in Appendix 8 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options document. The audit trail in Appendix 8 has now been updated to explain why the site is allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.</p>

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	<p>surfaces cannot be mitigated by sustainable urban drainage systems. This site is clearly unsuitable for this type of development and the landowners willingness to allow this type of development to take place should not outweigh the flood risk.</p>	
Luci Ryan	<p>MBC clearly recognises that Bottesford significantly lacks enough culture, sport and leisure provision. However, the presence of allotments on Pinfold Lane (with a huge waiting list) and a tiny park comprising 4 swings, one roundabout and one swing (clearly marked for use by under eights only) apparently is a significant positive for the Rectory Farm proposal. How on earth these limited green spaces make the construction of 256 houses viable is unfathomable. These tiny spaces do not meet the needs of the current population.</p>	<p>All site options were appraised in line with the assumptions set out in Appendix 5 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options document, in order to ensure consistency in the appraisal of numerous site options. In relation to SA objective 9: access to community facilities (which it is assumed this comment relates to), the site options were scored on the basis of the settlement hierarchy developed by Melton Borough Council. The significant positive score for this site is based on the fact that it is at Bottesford which has been classed by the Council as a Service Centre.</p>
Luci Ryan	<p>The assessment of objective two (access to education) is also fundamentally flawed. The provision of 256 houses at Rectory Farm is stated to provide a very positive effect of access to education. However, this statement is then undermined by the following "although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils. The site is located within 540m of Bottesford Church of England Primary School which is to the south. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity". To state the effect is very positive but then add that this assessment of positive is actually unknown because the capacity of the schools has not been assessed is disingenuous. As a parent with two children currently at the primary school I can tell you that the capacity has been reached, without a further 256 houses being built. One of my children is in a class of 36! There is no room in the village for a second primary school so the only option would be to expand the existing school. This would lead to loss of even more playing field in a village MBC has already stated severely lacks culture, sport and leisure provision.</p>	<p>As noted by the consultee, the potential positive effect on education for this site is uncertain because it is noted that capacity at the nearby school is not known. It may be possible to stimulate the expansion of existing schools through the development of nearby housing sites, which would be explored at a later stage in the process of site options coming forward. At this stage, the SA (which is a high level, strategic assessment) is identifying the proximity of the school only.</p>

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Luci Ryan	<p>There are a number of other issues of concern within the Sustainability Appraisal Report in relation to these two sites. Bottesford is already woefully disconnected from the Borough in which it is located, due to its geographical location. MBC has repeatedly cut our services mainly due to our distance from the rest of the area. The latest casualty being the library. Very few people within the village have any cause to visit Melton Mowbray and even less work there. We all shop in Grantham, Newark, Bingham or Nottingham (all outside of the Borough) because of the sheer difficulty in getting to Melton. Public transport between Bottesford and the rest of the Borough is appalling. It is therefore surprising that the public transport links within Bottesford are described as a positive feature of developing Bottesford further. The plan makes mention of the train station, whilst not making it clear, until much later on that the train station doesn't actually provide links to anywhere in Leicestershire, let alone within the Borough. Furthermore, MBC only need to look at the number of cars parked in the station car park to realise people drive to and from the station. The claims that public transport links in Bottesford encourage people to use their cars less are ill informed and unsubstantiated. It is almost impossible to live here and not use a car on a daily basis. The bus links to Melton are few and far between and it takes in excess of 45 minutes to get to Melton at the very best of times. To rank both the earmarked sites at Bottesford as positive in terms of public transport links is ludicrous.</p> <p>Nobody commutes within the Borough using public transport. I cannot even commute to my job in Grantham using public transport because the services are so infrequent and run at times that do not fit with a normal working day. I think if MBC bothered to undertake a survey of where the residents of Bottesford actually work they would find that more people in Bottesford work in London than in Melton because it is easier to get to and the types of work available are more varied.</p> <p>How on earth the presence of two small industrial estates promotes positive high quality employment opportunities is beyond me. How many high quality jobs do the Council believe that these industrial estates provide? There is nothing in the SAR to back up these ludicrous claims. I know three people who are employed at business at these sites, all are women in part-time minimum wage jobs. They are not the major bread</p>	<p>The issues raised with regards to transport links are noted. It is possible that new development in any location could stimulate the improvement of public transport services.</p> <p>The SA is a high level, strategic assessment and it is not possible to assess in detail the nature of job opportunities available on each employment site within proximity of the residential site options (and indeed this may change over time). However, the co-location of residential development and employment sites is generally considered to be a positive in sustainability terms, which is reflected in the SA.</p>

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	<p>winner in their families. Furthermore, the cheese factory mainly employs low paid migrant workers who are bused in from outside of the Borough as they could not possibly afford to live in the village on their very low wages.</p> <p>MBC needs to look at where people work in Bottesford before ranking the village as a place providing positive employment opportunities. Very few people living here work at any of the business located within the village. The work that is mainly offered is part time, low skilled, low waged work that would not enable anybody to buy a house here. The Council only need to look at average house price within the village to realise that the vast majority of people who live here are in highly skilled, highly paid jobs. The provision of new housing is no guarantee of low cost social housing being made available as evidenced by the 50+ houses currently being built on Belvoir Road. We were promised that this would include cheaper social housing for lower paid residents. Instead we have had the lower cost housing snapped up by private landlords who will profit from their investments at the expense of low income families in the village who are desperate for affordable housing. A 4 bedroom house on this development is just over £300k. £100k higher than the average house price in the UK.</p> <p>Bottesford is a rural village, albeit a large one. The proposed development would be the tipping point to turning it into a small town. This would ruin the quality and the character of the landscape. Many residents have lived here for decades (myself included) and have chosen to bring our families up here (my children are the third generation of my family to live here) because of the pleasant rural location. MBC seem hell bent on destroying this character and the very reason we chose to live here, without providing any additional services to support the development. The provision of this many houses is unwanted and unsustainable. There are other areas in the Borough that are much better connected to Melton and all the services it provides that can accommodate much larger areas of housing without damaging the existing status quo (e.g. the proposed Six Hills development).</p>	
Gary Statham	I do not think the expansion south and west is sustainable at all while the north option is too large in scale. The south option is really the same as	Noted. The Melton South and Melton West options are two distinct options that have been subject to

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	<p>the west option and would mean that Melton Mowbray as a town becomes one large continuous suburbia that in effect merges into Burton Lazars. It seems badly thought through, the green environmental aspects virtually ignored altogether. The expansion is far too big in terms of the number of houses and the space taken up. It will lead to further congestion on the roads despite a ring road - all that will do is attract more traffic - and the market town will cease to be a market town, yet another urban conglomeration.</p>	<p>SA individually. The reasons for the Council's decision to take forward the South of Melton Mowbray urban extension in the Emerging Options document were provided in Appendix 8 of the SA Report for the Emerging Options. The audit trail in Appendix 8 has now been updated to explain why the site is allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.</p>

Appendix 2

Updated Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes

International Policies, plans and programmes			
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INTERNATIONAL			
EU Directives			
<p><i>SEA Directive 2001</i> Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment</p>	<p>Provide for a high level of protection of the environment and contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive at the national level.</p>	<p>Requirements of the Directive must be met in Sustainability Appraisals <i>Relates to the overall SA process</i></p>
<p><i>The Industrial Emissions Directive 2010</i> Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control)</p>	<p>This Directive lays down rules on integrated prevention and control of pollution arising from industrial activities. It also lays down rules designed to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce emissions into air, water and land and to prevent the generation of waste, in order to achieve a high level of protection of the environment taken as a whole.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objective for reducing pollution. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i></p>
<p><i>Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010 on the energy performance of buildings 2010/31/EU</i></p>	<p>The Directive aims to promote the energy performance of buildings and building units. It requests that member states adopt either national or regional methodology for calculating energy performance and minimum requirements for energy performance.</p>	<p>Policies and site allocations should take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include SA objective relating to the energy performance/efficiency of existing and proposed buildings. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i></p>
<p><i>The Birds Directive 2009</i> Directive 2009/147/EC is a codified version of Directive 79/409/EEC as</p>	<p>The preservation, maintenance, and re-establishment of biotopes and habitats shall include the following measures: Creation of protected areas.</p>	<p>Allocated sites and develop policies should make sure that the upkeep of</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives for the protection of birds. <i>SA objective 6: biodiversity and</i></p>

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amended	Upkeep and management in accordance with the ecological needs of habitats inside and outside the protected zones. Re-establishment of destroyed biotopes. Creation of biotopes.	recognised habitats is maintained and not damaged from development. Avoid pollution or deterioration of habitats or any other disturbances effecting birds.	<i>geodiversity</i>
<i>The Waste Framework Directive 2008</i> Directive 2008/98/EC on waste	Prevention or reduction of waste production and its harmfulness. The recovery of waste by means of recycling, re-use or reclamation. Recovery or disposal of waste without endangering human health and without using processes that could harm the environment.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives that minimise waste production as well as promote recycling. <i>SA objective 12: waste</i>
<i>The Air Quality Directive 2008</i> Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe	Avoid, prevent and reduce harmful effects of ambient air pollution on human health and the environment	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to maintain and enhance air quality. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>
<i>The Floods Directive 2007</i> Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks	Establish a framework for the assessment and management of flood risks, aiming at the reduction of the adverse consequences for human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity associated with floods.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies	Include sustainability objectives that relate to flood management and reduction of risk. <i>SA objective 16: flood risk</i>

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		derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	
<p><i>The Water Framework Directive 2000</i></p> <p>Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for community action in the field of water policy</p>	Protection of inland surface waters, transitional waters, coastal waters and groundwaters.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	<p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and minimise the impact on water quality.</p> <p><i>SA objective 17: water quality</i></p>
<p><i>The Landfill Directive 1999</i></p> <p>Directive 99/31/EC on the landfill of waste</p>	Prevent or reduce negative effects on the environment from the landfilling of waste by introducing stringent technical requirements for waste and landfills.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	<p>Include sustainability objectives to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste.</p> <p><i>SA objective 12: waste</i></p>
<p><i>The Drinking Water Directive 1998</i></p> <p>Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption</p>	Protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that it is wholesome and clean.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	<p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance water quality.</p> <p><i>SA objective 17: water quality</i></p>
<p><i>The Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive 1994</i></p>	Harmonise the packaging waste system of Member States. Reduce the environmental	Allocate sites and develop policies	Include sustainability objectives to minimise the environmental impact of

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Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste	impact of packaging waste.	that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	waste and promote recycling. <i>SA objective 12: waste</i>
<i>The Habitats Directive 1992</i> Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora	Promote the maintenance of biodiversity taking account of economic, social, cultural and regional requirements. Conservation of natural habitats and maintain landscape features of importance to wildlife and fauna.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. The Plan must be subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment in line with the Directive.	Include sustainability objectives to protect and maintain the natural environment and important landscape features. <i>SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity</i>
<i>The Nitrates Directive 1991</i> Directive 91/676/EEC on nitrates from agricultural sources.	Reduce water pollution caused or induced by nitrates from agricultural sources and prevent further such pollution.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to reduce water pollution. <i>SA objective 17: water quality</i>
<i>The Urban Waste Water Directive 1991</i>	Protect the environment from the adverse effects of urban waste water collection, treatment and discharge, and discharge from	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account	Include sustainability objectives to reduce water pollution.

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Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment	certain industrial sectors.	of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	<i>SA objective 17: water quality</i>
European			
European Spatial Development Perspective (1999)	Economic and social cohesion across the community. Conservation of natural resources and cultural heritage. Balanced competitiveness between different tiers of government.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to conserve natural resources and cultural heritage. <i>SA objective 8: natural resources, SA objective 9: social cohesion and SA objective 10: economic inclusion</i>
EU Seventh Environmental Action Plan (2002-2012)	The EU's objectives in implementing the programme are: (a) to protect, conserve and enhance the Union's natural capital; (b) to turn the Union into a resource-efficient, green and competitive low-carbon economy; (c) to safeguard the Union's citizens from environment-related pressures and risks to health and wellbeing; (d) to maximise the benefits of the Union's environment legislation; (e) to improve the evidence base for environment policy; (f) to secure investment for environment and climate policy and get the prices right; (g) to improve environmental integration and policy coherence;	Develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance the natural environment and promote energy efficiency. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>

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	(h) to enhance the sustainability of the Union's cities; (i) to increase the Union's effectiveness in confronting regional and global environmental challenges.		
European Landscape Convention (Florence, 2002)	The convention promotes landscape protection, management and planning.	Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.	Include sustainability objectives to protect the archaeological heritage. <i>SA objective 5: landscape</i>
European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta, 1992) <i>Revision of the 1985 Granada Convention</i>	Protection of the archaeological heritage, including any physical evidence of the human past that can be investigated archaeologically both on land and underwater. Creation of archaeological reserves and conservation of excavated sites.	Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.	Include sustainability objectives to protect the archaeological heritage. <i>SA objective 7: historic environment</i>
International			
Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development (2002)	Commitment to building a humane, equitable and caring global society aware of the need for human dignity for all. Renewable energy and energy efficiency. Accelerate shift towards sustainable consumption and production.	Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Declaration.	Include sustainability objectives to enhance the natural environment and promote renewable energy and energy efficiency. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>
Aarhus Convention (1998)	Established a number of rights of the public with regard to the environment. Local authorities should provide for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right of everyone to receive environmental information • The right to participate from an early stage in environmental decision making • The right to challenge in a court of law public decisions that have been made without respecting the two rights above or environmental law in general. 	Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.	Ensure that public are involved and consulted at all relevant stages of SA production. <i>Relates to the overall SA process</i>

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Localism Act (2011)	<p>The Localism Act introduces a number of measures to decentralise decision making process to the local level, creating space for Local Authorities to lead and innovate, and giving people the opportunity to take control of decisions that matter to them. The Localism Act includes a number of important packages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new act makes it easier for local people to take over the amenities they love and keep them part of local life; • The act makes sure that local social enterprises, volunteers and community groups with a bright idea for improving local services get a chance to change how things are done. • The act places significantly more influence in the hands of local people over issues that make a big difference to their lives. • The act provides appropriate support and recognition to communities who welcome new development. • The act reduces red tape, making it easier for authorities to get on with the job of working with local people to draw up a vision for their area's future. • The act reinforces the democratic nature of the planning system passing power from bodies not directly to the public, to democratically accountable ministers. • The act enables Local Authorities to make their own decisions to adapt housing provision to local needs, and make the system fairer and more effective. • The act gives Local Authorities more control over the funding of social housing, helping them plan for the long- term. <p>In relation to planning, the Localism Act</p>	<p>The Local Plan will need to reflect the principles of Localism as identified in the document. The Local Plan will need to incorporate the concept of Neighbourhood Planning, with the intention of giving neighbourhoods far more ability to determine the shape of the places in which people live.</p>	<p>To ensure the concepts of the Localism Act are embedded within the framework</p> <p><i>Relates to the overall SA process</i></p>

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	enables the Government to abolish regional spatial strategies, introduce Neighbourhood Plans and Local Referendums.		
National Planning Policy Framework (2012)	Presumption in favour of sustainable development. Delivering sustainable development by:	Development plan has a statutory status as the starting point for decision making.	Sustainability appraisal should be an integral part of the plan preparation process, and should consider all the likely significant effects on the environment, economic and social factors.
	Building a strong, competitive economy.	Set out clear economic visions for that particular area.	Include a sustainability objective relating to strengthening the economy. <i>SA objective 4: employment opportunities and SA objective 13; economic growth</i>
	Ensuring vitality of town centres.	Recognise town centres as the heart of their communities.	Include a sustainability objective relating to the vitality of town centres. <i>SA objective 9: social deprivation and economic inclusion</i>
	Promoting sustainable transport	To implement sustainable transport modes depending on nature/location of the site, to reduce the need for major transport infrastructure.	Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable transport. <i>SA objective 3: sustainable transport</i>
	Supporting high quality communications infrastructure.	Enhance the provision of local community facilities and services by supporting the expansion of	Include a sustainability objective relating to improving communication. <i>SA objective 9: social cohesion</i>

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		electronic communications networks.	
	Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes.	Identify size, type, tenure and range of housing that is required in particular locations.	Include a sustainability objective relating to housing availability and quality. <i>SA objective 1: housing</i>
	Requiring good design.	Establish a strong sense of place to live, work and visit.	Include a sustainability objective relating to good design. <i>SA objective 11: crime</i>
	Promoting healthy communities.	Promote safe and accessible environments with a high quality of life and community cohesion.	Include a sustainability objective relating to health and well-being. <i>SA objective 14: health</i>
	Protecting Green Belt Land.	To prevent the coalescence of neighbouring towns.	Include a sustainability objective relating to the coalescence of towns. <i>SA objective 5: landscape</i>
	Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding, and coastal change.	Use opportunities offered by new development to reduce causes/impacts of flooding.	Include a sustainability objective relating to climate change mitigation and adaption. <i>SA objective 16: flood risk</i>
	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.	Recognise the wider benefits of biodiversity.	Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.

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			<i>SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity</i>
	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	Sustain and enhance heritage assets and put them to viable uses consistent with their conservation.	Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation of historic features. <i>SA objective 7: historic environment</i>
	Facilitating the use of sustainable materials.	Encourage prior extraction of minerals where practicable and environmentally feasible.	Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable mineral extraction. <i>SA objective 8: natural resources</i>
Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2015)	The Governments planning policy for traveller sites which aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Local Planning authorities make own assessment of need • Work collaboratively to meet need through identification of land setting pitch and plot targets • Plan for sites over a reasonable timescale • Promote more private traveller site provision • Reduce number of unauthorised developments • Ensure accessibility to services and facilities • Set criteria based policies 	The Local Plan needs policies (and site allocations if required) to support Gypsy and Travellers.	Ensure the requirements of national planning guidance are reflected in the SA Framework. <i>SA objective 1: housing and SA objective 10: social deprivation and economic inclusion</i>
Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England (2011)	The Housing Strategy sets out a package of reforms to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get the housing market moving again • Lay the foundations for a more responsive, effective and stable housing market in the 	The Local Plan needs to have policies that help in the delivery of housing.	To ensure the requirements of strategy are embedded within the SA framework <i>SA objective 1: housing</i>

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	<p>future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support choice and quality for tenants • Improve environmental standards and design quality. The new strategy addresses concerns across the housing market making it easier to secure mortgages on new home, improving fairness in social housing and ensuring homes that have been left empty for years and are lived in once again. <p>There is the target to deliver up to 100,000 new homes by freeing up public sector land with Build Now, pay later deals.</p>		
UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy: securing the Future (2005)	<p>The Strategy sets out 5 principles for sustainable development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living within environmental limits; • Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society; • Achieving a sustainable economy; • Promoting good governance ; and • Using sound science responsibly. <p>The strategy sets four priorities for action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable consumption and production; • Climate change and energy; • Natural resource protection and environmental enhancement; • Sustainable communities <p>The strategy commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A programme of community engagement; • Forums to help people live sustainable lifestyles; • Open and innovative ways for stakeholders to influence decision; educating and training 	<p>The Local Plan should seek to deliver sustainable communities. These are places which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents • People want to live and work in • Are sensitive to their environment • Contribute to a high quality of life • Are safe and inclusive • Are well planned, built and run; and 	<p>To ensure that the requirements of the study are embedded within the SA framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective 13: economic growth</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer equality of opportunity and good services for all 	
English Heritage Historic England Corporate Plan 2015 to 2018 (2015)	<p>The plan sets out its three purposes as to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure the preservation of ancient monuments and historic buildings; Promote the preservation and enhancement of the character and appearance of conservation areas; and Promote the public's enjoyment of, and advance their knowledge of, ancient monuments and historic buildings. 	The Local Plan should contain a planning framework which safeguards the historic environment.	<p>To ensure that the requirements of the study are embedded within the SA framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective 7: historic environment</i></p>
National Policy Statement EN1: Overarching Energy Policy Statement (2011)	This policy document sets out government policy for the delivery of major planning applications for energy development. The document also specifies the criteria for waste management, traffic and transport , water quality and quantity, noise and vibration, open spaces and green infrastructure, the landscape , visual impact , dust flood risk, historic environment, odour, light, smoke/steam, insects, coastal change, aviation, biodiversity and geodiversity.	The new Local Plan will need to be consistent with the National Policy Statement.	<p>To ensure that the requirements of national policy are embedded within the SA framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i></p>
National Policy Statement EN2 : Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure (2011)	Taken with the overarching National Policy Statement for Energy, the statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major applications for nationally significant fossil fuel electricity generating facilities.	The new Local Plan will need to be consistent with the National Policy Statement.	<p>To ensure that the requirements of national policy are embedded within the SA framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i></p>
National Policy Statement EN3: Renewable Energy Infrastructure (2011)	The statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major applications for nationally significant renewable energy infrastructure; this includes biomass ad waste combustion and onshore and offshore wind.	The new Local Plan will need to be consistent with the National Policy Statement	<p>To ensure that the requirements of national policy are embedded within the SA framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and</i></p>

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			<i>air quality</i>
National Policy Statement EN4: National Policy Statement for Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas Oil pipelines (2011)	Taken with the overarching national policy statement for energy, the statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major applications for gas supply infrastructure and gas and oil pipelines.	The Local Plan will need to consider and be consistent with the policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement where applicable.	To ensure that the requirements of national policy are embedded within the SA framework. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>
EN5: National Policy Statement for Electricity for Electricity Networks (2011)Infrastructure	This statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major applications for electricity networks infrastructure.	The Local Plan will need to consider and be consistent with the policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement where applicable.	To ensure that the requirements of national policy are embedded within the SA framework. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>
National Policy Statement EN6: Nuclear Power Generation (2011)	This statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major planning applications for Nuclear Power infrastructure.	The Local Plan will need to consider and be consistent with the policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement where applicable.	To ensure that the requirements of national policy are embedded within the SA framework. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>
Energy White Paper: Our Energy Future (2003)	There are four key aims in this document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To put ourselves on a path to cut the United Kingdom carbon dioxide emissions- the main contributor to global warming- by some 60 % by about 2050, with real progress by 2020; • To maintain the reliability of energy supplies; • To promote competitive markets in the United Kingdom and beyond, helping to raise the rate of sustainable economic 	The Local Plan and its policies need to promote development that is energy efficient and increases the use and/ or availability or renewable energy.	To ensure that the requirements of the report are embedded within the SA Framework. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>

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	<p>growth and to improve our productivity; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make sure that every home is adequately and affordably heated. 		
National Policy Statement: Waste Water (2012)	The National Policy Statement sets out Government Policy for the provision of major waste water infrastructure. It will be used by the decision makers as the primary basis for deciding development consent that fall within the definition of Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects as defined in the Planning Act 2008.	The Local Plan will need to consider and be consistent with the policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement where applicable.	To ensure that the requirements of national policy are embedded with SA framework. <i>SA objective 12: waste</i>
National Policy Statement: Hazardous Waste (2013)	Without sustainable management, hazardous waste may pose a risk to human health and the environment. We also need to manage our hazardous waste in a more sustainable way and ensure that where possible, we recycle and recover hazardous waste rather than sending it for disposal. The NPS was published by the Secretary of State and sets out the strategic need justification of government policy for the provision of such infrastructure. It will be used to guide decisions made by the planning inspectorate.	The Local Plan will need to consider and be consistent with policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement.	To ensure that the national policy is embedded within the SA framework. <i>SA objective 12: waste</i>
The Carbon Plan: Delivery our Local Carbon Future (2011)	The Carbon Plan sets out the government's plans for achieving the emissions reductions it committed to in the first four carbon budgets. Emissions in the UK must, by law, be cut by at least 80% of 1990 by 2050. The UK was first to set its ambition in law and the Plan sets out progress to date.	The new Melton Local Plan will need to include policies that reflect the targets within the Carbon Plan.	To ensure that the requirements of the Carbon delivery plan are embedded within the Sa framework. <i>SA objective 12: energy efficiency and air quality</i>
Safeguarding our Soils- A Strategy for England (2011)	Current practices focus on protecting English soils and the important ecosystem services they provide. Research is focused on addressing evidence gaps to adapt and refine these policies	The new Melton Local Plan will need to include policies on the	The requirements of the national strategy will need to be embedded within the SA framework. <i>SA objective 8: natural resources</i>

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	in order to strengthen protection and their resilience as the climate changes. A Soil Strategy for England sets out the current policy context on soils and a number of core objectives for policy and research.	safeguarding of soils.	
The Plan for Growth implementation update (2013)	<p>The plan for growth, published alongside Budget 2011, and as part of the Autumn Statement 2011, announced a programme of structured reforms to remove barriers to growth for businesses and equip the UK to compete in the global race. These reforms span a range of policies including improving UK infrastructure, cutting red tape, root and branch reform of the planning system and boosting trade and inward investment, to achieve the governments four ambitions for growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating the most competitive tax system in the G20 • Encouraging investment and exports as a route to a more balanced economy • Making the UK the best place in Europe to start, finance and grow a business • Creating a more educated workforce that is the most flexible in Europe. 	The new Melton Local Plan policies will need to reflect the ambitions set out within the Plan for Growth 2013.	<p>The requirements with the Plan for Growth 2013 will need to be embedded within the SA Framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective 13: economic growth</i></p>
Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services (2011)	<p>The new, ambitious biodiversity strategy for England builds on the Natural Environment White Paper and provides a comprehensive picture of how the UK is implementing its international and EU commitments.</p> <p>It sets out the strategic direction for biodiversity policy for the next decade (including rivers and lakes) and at sea.</p>	The Local Plan will need to contain policies that protect biodiversity.	<p>The ambitions of the national strategy will need to be embedded within SA Framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity</i></p>
Lifetime Neighbourhoods (2011)	This document is a national strategy for	The policies and	The requirements of the national

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	housing in an ageing society. It seeks to support residents to develop lifetime neighbourhoods in terms of resident empowerment, access, services and amenities, built and natural environment, social networks/well-being and housing.	site allocations will need to reflect the requirements set out within the national strategy.	strategy will need to be reflected within the SA framework. <i>SA objective 1: housing</i>
National Planning Practice Guidance (2014)	The National Planning Practice Guidance provides technical guidance on topic areas in order to support policies set out within the NPPF. It aims to allow for sustainable development as guided by the NPPF.	The new Melton Local Plan will need to reflect the guidance set out within the NPPG	The principles and requirements of national policy will need to be embedded within the SA framework and appraisal <i>Relates to all SA objectives</i>
UK Bioenergy Strategy (2012)	<p>The UK Government has a responsibility to ensure that its policies only support bioenergy use in the right circumstances. This strategy is based on four principles which will act as a framework for future government policy on bioenergy.</p> <p>In summary the four principles state that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies that support bioenergy should deliver genuine carbon reductions that help meet UK carbon emissions objectives to 2050 and beyond. • Support for bioenergy should make a cost effective contribution to UK carbon emission objectives in the context of the overall energy goals. • Support for bioenergy should aim to maximise the overall benefits and minimise costs (quantifiable and non-quantifiable) across the economy. • At regular time intervals and when policies promote significant additional demand for bioenergy in the UK, beyond that envisaged by current use, policy makers should assess and respond to the impacts of this increased deployment on other areas, such as food security and biodiversity. 	The principles of the Bioenergy Strategy 2012 will need to be reflected within the new Melton Local Plan policies.	The principles of the strategy will need to be embedded within the SA framework. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>

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National Planning Policy for Waste (2014)	Sets out the Government's ambition to work towards a more sustainable and efficient approach to resource use and management. Replaces Planning Policy Statement 10.	The Local Plan should be in conformity with national waste planning policy.	Include a sustainability objective relating to waste generation and management. <i>SA objective 12: waste</i>
Future Water: The Government's Water Strategy for England (DEFRA, 2008)	Sets out how the Government want the water sector to look by 2030 and an outline of the steps which need to be taken to get there. The vision for 2030 includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "improved the quality of our water environment and the ecology it supports, and continue to maintain high standards of drinking water quality from taps; • Sustainably managed risks from flooding and coastal erosion, with greater understanding and more effective management of surface water; • Ensure a sustainable use of water resources, and implement fair, affordable and cost-reflective water charges; • Cut greenhouse gas emissions; and • Embed continuous adaptation to climate change and other pressures across the water industry and water users". 	Policies should aim to contribute to the vision set out in this Strategy.	Include SA objectives which seek to protect, manage and enhance the water environment. <i>SA objective 17: water quality</i>
The Climate Change Act (2008)	The Climate Change Act was passed in 2008 and established a framework to develop an economically credible emissions reduction path. It also strengthened the UK's leadership internationally by highlighting the role it would take in contributing to urgent collective action to tackle climate change under the Kyoto Protocol. The Climate Change Act includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2050 target. The act commits the UK to reducing emissions by at least 80% in 2050 	The new Melton Local Plan policies must reflect the objectives of The Climate Change Act, in order to contribute to reducing UK carbon emissions.	The objectives of The Climate Change Act will need to be embedded within the SA Framework. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>

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	<p>from 1990 levels. This target was based on advice from the CCC report: Building a Low-carbon Economy. The 80% target includes GHG emissions from the devolved administrations, which currently accounts for around 20% of the UK's total emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon Budgets. The Act requires the Government to set legally binding 'carbon budgets'. A carbon budget is a cap on the amount of greenhouse gases emitted in the UK over a five-year period. The first four carbon budgets have been put into legislation and run up to 2027. 		
Heritage Protection for the 21 st Century: White Paper (2007)	<p>The proposals in this White Paper reflect the importance of the heritage protection system in preserving our heritage for people to enjoy now and in the future. They are based around three core principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a unified approach to the historic environment; Maximising opportunities for inclusion and involvement; and Supporting sustainable communities by putting the historic environment at the heart of an effective planning system 	The new Melton Local Plan policies will need to ensure that they protect the Borough's heritage assets.	<p>The objectives set out within the Heritage Protection Review White Paper (2007) are embedded within the SA Framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective 7: historic environment</i></p>
The Air Quality Strategy for England vol. 1 (2007)	<p>The Air Quality Strategy sets out a way forward for work and planning on air quality issues by setting out the air quality standards and objectives to be achieved. It introduces a new policy framework for tackling fine particles, and identifies potential new national policy measures which modelling indicates could give further health benefits and move closer towards meeting the Strategy's objectives. The objectives of strategy are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further improve air quality in the UK from today and long term. 	The new Melton Local Plan policies will need to work towards further improving air quality in the UK.	<p>The objectives of The Air Quality Strategy for England will need to be embedded within the SA Framework.</p> <p><i>SA objective energy efficiency and air quality</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide benefits to health, quality of life and the environment. 		
Working with the grain of nature – A Biodiversity Strategy for England (2011))	This Strategy seeks to protect and improve the rural, urban, marine and global environment and lead on the integration of these with other policies across Government and internationally.	<p>Reversing the long-term decline in the number of farmland birds by 2020, as measured annually against underlying trends.</p> <p>Minimise loss of biodiversity when allocating sites for development.</p>	<p>Ensure that the policy objectives are reflected in the SA Framework objectives.</p> <p><i>SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity</i></p>
Energy Act (2008)	<p>The Act works towards a number of policy objectives including carbon emissions reduction, security of supply, and competitive energy markets. Objectives: Electricity from Renewable Sources: changes to Renewables Obligation (RO), designed to increase renewables generation, as well as the effectiveness of the RO.</p> <p>Feed in tariffs for small scale, low carbon generators of electricity. Smart meters: the Act mandates a roll-out of smart meters to medium sized businesses over the next five years.</p> <p>Renewable heat incentives: the establishment of a financial support mechanism for those generating heat from renewable sources.</p>	<p>Policies and Site Allocations will have to ensure a positive contribution in meeting the climate change challenge by capitalising on renewable and low carbon energy opportunities and adaptation measures which reduce the threat of climate change.</p>	<p>Ensure SA objectives seek to maximise use of renewable and low carbon energy opportunities and minimising reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p><i>SA objective energy efficiency and air quality</i></p>
Green Infrastructure and the Urban Fringe (Natural England, 2009)	Promotes the concept of multifunctionality – the integration and interaction of different activities on the same parcel of land. The Countryside In and Around Towns programme acknowledges	<p>Polices and Site Allocations to deliver new green infrastructure and</p>	<p>Ensure the concept of green infrastructure is promoted through the SA Framework</p> <p><i>SA objective 5: landscape and SA</i></p>

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	Green Infrastructure as a key mechanism for delivering regional and local change. The strategy promotes regional coalitions to pool resources, regional stocktakes to examine the extent, state and potential of the GI, influencing RSS and LDFs, putting forward exemplar projects as examples of good practice to learn from.	enhancement of existing assets in and around new developments to contribute to better quality, multifunctional environments.	<i>objective 8: natural resources</i>
Water for Life and Livelihoods: A Strategy for River Basin Planning (Environment Agency, 2006)	This document set out the Environment Agency's strategy to implement the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) by managing water based on river basin planning. The document aims to reduce pollution, prevent deterioration and improve the condition of aquatic ecosystems including wetlands.	Melton Local Plan policies should promote efficient use of water in new developments and good management of water resources	Consideration of water related issues within the SA Framework. <i>SA objective 17: water quality</i>
National Infrastructure Plan 2014	The Infrastructure Plan allows for long term public funding certainty for key infrastructure areas such as: roads, rail, flood defences and science. All elements highlighted in the Plan represent firm commitment by government to supply the funding levels stipulated. The Plan also highlights what steps the government will take to ensure effective delivery of its key projects	The Melton Local Plan objectives and policies should support the delivery of infrastructure to support new development.	To ensure that infrastructure delivery in embedded within the SA Framework <i>SA objective 13: economic growth</i>
Waste Management Plan for England (2013)	The Waste Management Plan follows the EU principal of waste hierarchy. This requires that prevention of waste, preparing for reuse and recycling should be given priority order in any waste legislation and policy. From this principal a key objective of The Plan is to reduce the level of waste going to landfill and to encourage recycling. The Plan also requires that larger amounts of hazardous waste should be disposed of at specially managed waste facilities.	The new Melton Local Plan policies will be required to incorporate the objectives of the national waste policy. In order to encourage the reduction of waste and the reuse of materials.	The objectives of the national waste policy will be required to be embedded within the SA framework. <i>SA objective 12: waste</i>

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Flood and Water Management Act (2010)	The Act aims to reduce the flood risk associated with extreme weather. It provides for better, more comprehensive management of flood risk for people, homes and businesses, helps safeguard community groups from unaffordable rises in surface water drainage charges, and protects water supplies to the consumer.	The new Local Plan should protect existing and future development as well as residents in Melton from flood risk.	The overview of flood risk management in England which is provided in the Act will need to be reflected in the Framework of the SA. <i>SA objective 16: flood risk</i>

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National Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England (2011)	The Strategy promotes a wide range of measure to manage flood risk. It is to be used a as framework within which communities have a greater role in local risk management decisions. It also sets out the Environment Agency's strategic overview role in flood and coastal erosion risk management.	The Local Plan polices should ensure that flood risk in the Borough is not inadvertently increased through local development.	The SA Framework and appraisal need to reflect the aims of flood and coastal erosion risk management. <i>SA objective 16: flood risk</i>
River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan (2010)	The Catchment Flood Management Plan gives an overview of the flood risk from all water sources in the River Trent catchment and sets out Environment Agency's preferred plan for sustainable flood risk management over the next 50 to 100 years. The Plan takes into consideration the likely impacts of climate change; the effect of how land is used and managed; and how areas might be developed to meet present day needs without comprising	The new Melton Local Plan will need to minimise flood risk in the Borough as much as is possible.	The SA Framework should reflect the attachment Flood Management Plan's overall aim of safely managing flood risk in the catchment area. <i>SA objective 16: flood risk</i>

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	the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.		
Groundwater protection: Principles and practice (GP3) (2013)	GP3 sets requirements for groundwater protection and aims to find a balance between the objective of sustainable growth and environmental protection. It is intended to be used by anyone interested in groundwater and those whose activities may impact on groundwater or could do so	The Melton Local Plan will be required to incorporate the aims of GP3 to protect groundwater in the Borough given its importance as a resource, to wildlife and its difficulty to clean up once polluted.	The SA Framework should reflect the aims of GP3 to ensure groundwater in the Borough is protected <i>SA objective 17: water quality</i>
Water for life and livelihoods. River Basin Management Plan Humber River Basin District (2009)	The key actions for the catchment include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with British Waterways, Leicester County Council, Angling clubs and Inlands Waterways Association to remove floating Pennywort from the River Soar. Improve sewage works at locations throughout the catchment to reduce the input of nutrients and improve water quality. Work with Severn Trent Water Ltd to reduce the number of misconnections within the connection. 	The Local Plan policies should support the water management plan.	The SA Framework and appraisal need to reflect the actions of the Water for Life and Livelihoods. River Basin Management Plan Humber River Basin. <i>SA objective 17: water quality</i>
Soar Abstraction Licensing Strategy (2013)	The Strategy sets out how water abstraction in the Soar area will be managed allowing for the protection and enhancement of the water environment and ensuring the sustainable use of water resources for economic and social development.	The Melton Local Plan will need to ensure that the water environment in the Soar area continues to be protected.	The SA Framework and appraisal need to reflect the objectives of the Strategy to ensure that the water environment in Melton or elsewhere in the Soar area is not adversely impacted upon. <i>SA objective 17: water quality</i>

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Low Carbon Energy Opportunities and Heat Mapping for Local Planning Areas Across the East Midlands (2011)	The report sets out an evidence base of technical potential for renewable and low carbon energy technologies within the East Midland. It aims to assist Local Planning authorities across the East Midlands in developing well-founded policies and strategies that support low carbon energy deployment up to 2030. Generic guidance and specific examples of how the renewable and low carbon energy resources and opportunities identified can be used to formulate Local Planning policies is included in the document.	The new Melton Local Plan policies and potential site allocations for renewable energy will need to reflect the findings of the Low Carbon Opportunities and Heat Mapping for Local Planning Areas Across the East Midlands reports.	The SA objectives and SA appraisal need to reflect the objectives of the Low Carbon energy opportunities and Heat Mapping for Local Planning Areas Across the East Midlands report. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>
Severn Trent Water Resources Management Plan (2014)	The overall aims of the Plan are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce waste by driving leakage down; • Reduce the demand for water, by working in partnership with customers to help them become more water efficient; • Improve ability to deploy existing resources flexibly and efficiently; • Use water trading to make more efficient use of resources and improve resilience; • Develop new sources of water when required, • Use proactive catchment management measures to protect sustainable sources of drinking water supply from pollution risks. 	The new Melton Local Plan must emphasise the significance of water efficiency in new development.	Water efficiency should be incorporated as part of the decision making criteria. <i>SA objective 7: water quality</i>

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6Cs Congestion Management Study (2008)	<p>The 6cs Congestion Management study was led by a partnership of three city councils and three county councils from the East Midlands, collectively known as the 6C's. The 6C's were supported in the study by the Highways Agency, East Midlands Development Agency, GOEM and the Department for Transport.</p> <p>The overall aims of the study were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate the extent and severity of traffic congestion over the next 10 to 20 years and the effects that it may have on the local economy and on local people; and • To research how, in the medium to long term future, congestion could be managed and reduced across the sub region. 	The new Melton Local Plan will need to reflect the findings of the 6Cs Congestion Management Study (2008).	<p>The SA framework and appraisal will need to reflect the management of congestion within the Borough.</p> <p><i>SA objective 3: sustainable transport</i></p>
6Cs Green Infrastructure Strategy (2010)	The overall objective of the plan is to promote green infrastructure allowing for benefits of sustainable water management, enhanced landscape setting, increased habitat connectivity, and direct and indirect economic and social benefits.	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations should reflect the strategic objectives of the Green Infrastructure Study (2010)	<p>The SA Framework and Appraisal should be reflective of the strategy.</p> <p><i>SA objective 5: landscape and SA objective 8: natural resources</i></p>
Leicester and Leicestershire Employment Land Update (2012)	The study updated forecasts of demand for office, industrial and warehousing development land at the district, PUA and Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) levels; data on the supply of office, industrial and warehousing development land at the district, PUA and Leicester and Leicestershire HMA levels; and made recommendations on the potential phasing of sites, allocation of sites and potential measures to bring forward development.	The findings of this report will need to be reflected in the new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations.	<p>The recommendations of this report will feed into the SA Framework and appraisal.</p> <p><i>SA objective 3: employment opportunities</i></p>
Leicester and Leicestershire HMA Growth Infrastructure Assessment (2009)	The assessment shows, at a high level, the infrastructure requirements that arise from growth; how much this infrastructure costs; its	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations	The SA Framework and appraisal will need to reflect the findings of the Assessment.

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	funding, and implications for delivery.	will need to go to reflect the findings of this report.	<i>SA objective 13: economic growth</i>
Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Requirements Project (2011)	The Housing Requirements Study is a technical piece of work which has included the development of various projections for housing requirements taking account of demographic trends and considering how this might relate to alternative scenarios for employment growth.	The overall findings of this report will be reflected within the new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations.	The SA Framework and appraisal will need to reflect the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Requirement Study. <i>SA objective 1: housing</i>
Leicestershire and Rutland Sport Strategy 2009-13	This strategy presents a long term vision of the preferred position of sport and physical activity in the county by 2025. It sets clear priorities through to 2017.	The new Melton Local Plan policies will need to reflect the vision and findings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Sports Strategy.	The SA framework and appraisal will need to reflect the strategy. <i>SA objective 9: social cohesion and SA objective 14: health</i>
Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (2016)	This aims to update the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) undertaken for the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland authorities and published in 2012. The need for Melton is 3 pitches which is already met through planning permission granted.	The new Melton Local Plan policies will need to reflect the findings of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment.	The SA framework and appraisal will need to reflect the objectives and findings of the assessment. <i>SA objective 1: housing and SA objective 10: social deprivation and economic inclusion</i>
Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland Historic Landscape Characterisation Project (2010)	This report has several objectives; these include providing a context to the project which involves an examination of the geology, topography, ecology and archaeology of the project area.	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to reflect the objectives and findings of the historic characterisation project.	The SA framework and the appraisal will need to reflect the objectives and findings of characterisation project. <i>SA objective 7: historic environment</i>

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Leicestershire Rural Framework 2011-2014	The document provides Leicestershire Rural Partnership vision for the next 20 years. By 2026 the aim is a rural Leicestershire made up of thriving, cohesive and safe communities, which have access to a choice of high quality and sustainable employment opportunities, a mix of housing and essential local services.	The new Melton Local Plan vision, objectives and policies will need to reflect the Leicestershire Rural Framework vision and objectives.	The SA framework and appraisal will need to reflect the vision and objectives of the framework. <i>SA objective 1: housing and SA objective 9: social cohesion</i>
Leicestershire Housing related support strategy 2010-2015	The aim of the document is to promote peoples independence, choice and participation in their community, and to achieve positive outcomes. This is to be achieved by the Partnership's members working with other agencies to make sure there are an adequate range, number and quality of housing and housing support services available for vulnerable adults.	The new Melton Local Plan needs to reflect the vision and objectives of the Leicestershire Housing related support strategy.	The SA Framework and appraisal needs to reflect the Leicestershire Housing related strategy 2010-2015. <i>SA objective 1: housing</i>
Leicestershire Extra Care Strategy 2010-2015	The strategy aims to give people in Leicestershire new and modernised specialist housing that is accessible and part of the community and that older people will aspire to live in.	The new Melton Local Plan will need to reflect the vision and objectives of the Leicestershire Extra Care strategy, when preparing policies and site allocations.	The SA framework and appraisal needs to reflect the Leicestershire Extra Care Strategy 2010-2015. <i>SA objective 9: social cohesion and SA objective 10: social deprivation and economic inclusion</i>
Leicester and Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks (2009)	Both Framework documents have been adopted to manage mineral extraction in Leicestershire in a way which meets the social and economic needs of the County and makes an appropriate contribution to the national and regional need for minerals in ways which seek to protect and enhance the character and quality of the environment and the quality of life for existing and future generations, in	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations must be in accordance with the Leicester and Leicestershire Minerals and Waste	The SA framework and appraisal must reflect the vision, objectives and policies of the development framework. <i>SA objective 8: natural resources and SA objective 12: waste</i>

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	accordance with the principles of sustainability.	Development Framework.	
Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Economic Plan 2014 to 2020 (2014)	<p>The Plan Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) provides the framework for investment in the county. This is to be achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlocking key development sites and improving public realm and connectivity to enable the efficient transport of people and goods. • Investing in businesses by providing a comprehensive business support service for small and medium-sized enterprises to accelerate growth of our priority sectors. • Equipping local people with the relevant skills that businesses need. 	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations should adopt the small principles as the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Economic Plan.	<p>The SA framework should be reflective of the aims of the SEP.</p> <p><i>SA objective 13: economic growth</i></p>
Leicestershire County Council Local Transport Plan 3 (2011)	The Strategy sets out the long term vision "Leicestershire to be recognised as a place that has, with the help of its residents and businesses, a first class transport system that enables economic and social travel in ways that improve people's health, safety and prosperity, as well as their environment and their quality of life."	The new Melton Local Plan needs to reflect the vision, objectives and policies of the Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 3.	<p>The SA Framework and Appraisal needs to reflect the vision, objectives and policies include within the Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 3.</p> <p><i>SA objective 3: sustainable transport</i></p>
Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy, Strategy Update 2011 (2012)	The Strategy sets how the Partnership (of which Melton is a member) intends to manage municipal waste up to 2020. High-level actions and initiatives have been set out in the document to meet the objective of preventing waste from arising, and if not possible ensuring it is recycled or composted. Any waste that is not recycled or composted is to be treated before disposal so that further value can be recovered and so that the impact of final disposal is minimised.	The new Local Plan should incorporate the objective of the Strategy to minimise waste and promote the process of recycling and re-use in the Borough.	<p>The SA Framework will need to reflect the waste hierarchy of preventing, re-using, recycling, recovering and disposing of waste.</p> <p><i>SA objective 12: waste</i></p>
Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2014)	The Core Strategy sets out the spatial objectives for Rushcliffe which are in line with	The policies of the new Melton Local	The new Melton Local Plan will need to reflect the strategic policies under the

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	environmental, economic and social indicators identified in the SEA directive.	Plan can similarly address the topics highlighted in the Rushcliffe Local Plan Core Strategy.	duty to cooperate <i>Relates to all SA objectives</i>
South Kesteven District Council Core Strategy (2010)	The Core Strategy provides the spatial policy framework for development and change in the district of South Kesteven for the period to 2026. Residential development is to be focussed in the main settlement of Grantham and the overall housing requirement for the District is highlighted as 13,600.	The new Melton Local Plan will need to reflect the strategic policies under the duty to cooperate.	The Melton Plan is required under the duty to cooperate to take the policies of its neighbouring authorities into consideration. <i>Relates to all SA objectives</i>
Rutland Core Strategy Development Plan Document (2011)	The Core Strategy sets out the long term spatial vision for Rutland and the strategic policies to deliver the vision. The housing requirement for the period 2006-2026 has been identified by the document as 3,000 which is to be predominantly focussed in Oakham. Up to 83ha of land is to be allocated for employment use during the plan period with 78ha of this land already having been supplied.	The new Melton Local Plan will need to reflect the strategic policies under the duty to cooperate.	The Melton Plan is required under the duty to cooperate to take the policies of its neighbouring authorities into consideration. <i>Relates to all SA objectives</i>
Newark and Sherwood District Council Core Strategy (2011)	The Core Strategy sets the vision, objective and policies to deliver them over the plan period. The Strategy identifies that 740 houses will need to be delivered each year until 2026. The Strategy also identifies an inadequate supply of office space and high demand for strategic 'B8' logistic uses in the District.	The new Melton Local Plan will need to reflect the strategic policies under the duty to cooperate.	The Melton Plan is required under the duty to cooperate to take the policies of its neighbouring authorities into consideration. <i>Relates to all SA objectives</i>

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Leicestershire Carbon Reduction Strategy 2013-2020 (2015)	<p>The Local Government Association and the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) have developed a memorandum of understanding to work closely together to support the reduction in GHG emissions. Part of this agreement includes the replacement of the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change with Climate Local which requires that local authorities publish specific commitments for which they are accountable. Melton Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council have signed up to Climate Local and Melton Borough Council is currently developing a Climate Local Action Plan.</p> <p>The Carbon Reduction Target for Leicestershire is to reduce emissions by 23% between 2005 and 2020 as measured by the Department of Energy and Climate Change.</p>	The new Melton Local Plan policies will need to prevent the use of limited natural resources and promote the development of renewable energy.	<p>The prevention of natural limited resources needs to be embedded within the SA Framework and appraisal.</p> <p><i>SA objective 8: natural resources and SA objective 15: energy efficiency</i></p>

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A Qualitative Assessment of the Housing Needs and Aspirations of Older People in Leicestershire (2010)	<p>This study gives a broad indication as to how much and what type of affordable housing could be provided whilst keeping development viable;</p> <p>provides recommendations relating to potentially different policy treatments of greenfield and brownfield sites of varying</p>	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to reflect the Qualitative Assessment of the Housing Needs and	<p>The SA Framework and Appraisal will need to be reflective of the Qualitative Assessment if the Housing Needs and Aspirations of Older People.</p> <p><i>SA objective 1: housing, SA objective 9: social cohesion and SA objective 10: social deprivation and economic inclusion</i></p>

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	types; assesses the impact of a range of affordable housing policy options to deliver this policy option; and makes recommendation whether the impact of increased proportions and/ or reduced thresholds will reduce development viability to the point of reducing likely residential land supply on the viability of affordable housing contribution.	Aspiration of Older Peoples objectives and findings.	
Melton Mowbray Town Centre Masterplan (2008)	<p>The Town Centre Masterplan sets out the vision for Melton Mowbray town centre. The masterplan has six strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To retain and improve the Cattle Market and street markets whilst attracting a variety of complementary uses that will contribute to the vitality and viability of the Town Centre. • To reinforce the distinctiveness of the physical environment by creating connections between the river, the parks and the Town Centre • To ensure that any new development in the Town Centre reflects high quality and aspirational design that complements the existing environment • To develop and integrate the Town Centre attractions – retail/ markets/commercial/residential/leisure, so that they benefit both the day and evening economy ; • To develop and enhance the current brand image of Melton Mowbray as a 'Rural Capital of Food ; and • To achieve social and economic benefits through the creation of an accessible, sustainable, safe and attractive environment. 	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to reflect the vision and objectives of the master plan.	<p>The SA Framework and appraisal will need to reflect the vision and objectives of the master plan.</p> <p><i>SA objective 4; employment opportunities, SA objective 7: historic environment, SA objective 11: crime and community safety and SA objective 13: economic growth</i></p>
Melton Whole Plan and CIL Viability	The study's main objectives are to:	The new Melton	The studies objectives will need to be

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Study 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an understanding of property value patterns, in particular with regard to new build residential properties; • Give a broad indication as to how much and what type of affordable housing could be provided whilst keeping development viable; • Have regard to relative differences in values across the Borough and provide access. • Assess the impact on viability of Local Plan policies. • Assess the viability of adopting a CIL charging schedule by Melton Borough Council 	Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to be reflective of the objectives and findings of Whole Plan and CIL Viability Study	reflected within the SA Framework and objectives. <i>SA objective 1: housing</i>
Revised Melton Borough Biodiversity & Geodiversity Study (2015 and updated 2016)	The purpose of the Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study is to inform the new Melton Local Plan for the technical topics of biodiversity and geodiversity conservation.	The new Melton Local Plan and site allocations will need to reflect the recommendations set out within the Melton Borough Biodiversity & Geodiversity Study 2015.	The study objectives and recommendations will need to be reflected within the SA Framework and appraisal. <i>SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity</i>
Melton Borough Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report (2015) and Addendum 2016	The key objective of the Melton SFRA is to inform the Melton Local Plan with respect to flood risk issues and the location of future development in Melton Borough. The study provides an analysis of the main sources of flood risk in Melton Borough, together with a means of testing the areas of search with a view to prioritising those with the lowest associated flood risk.	To incorporate the findings of the report into the preparation of the Melton Local Plan. All potential development sites should be assessed against the most up to date SFRA.	The SA Framework and Appraisal will need to be reflective of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. <i>SA objective 16: flood risk</i>
Melton Landscape Character	The objective of the report was to inform	The new Melton	The SA Framework and Appraisal must

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Assessment Update Report (2011) (update of the Melton Borough Landscape and Historic Urban Character Assessment Report 2006)	policies and proposals of the new Development Framework and in particular the allocation of development sites for a range of uses. Whilst the LCA covered the whole of the Borough, a more detailed assessment was carried out on eleven areas around Melton Mowbray. These areas offered the potential for new development adjoining the town as identified in the adopted Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Structure Plan (March 2005). The Structure Plan identified need to allocate about 30ha for business uses in the Melton LDF and accommodate a bypass around part of the town.	Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to be reflective of the designations within the Melton Landscape Character Assessment.	reflect the Landscape Character Assessment update. <i>SA objective 5: landscape</i>
Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Assessment 2015 and Part 2 2016	The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study informs landscape policies and design guidance for SUEs and new sites in the Service Centres Rural Hubs. It also carries out an assessment of open spaces and makes recommendations for the designation and protection of green space	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to be reflective of the findings of the AoS, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study.	The SA Framework and Appraisal must reflect the findings of the Assessment. <i>SA objective 5: landscape</i>
Melton Economic Development Strategy 2012-2015	The Economic Development Strategy 2012-2015 will also help to deliver the Council's overall vision and priorities identified in the Corporate Plan most notably; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support people and businesses through the economic downturn. • Meet the Economic needs of the Borough. • Maximise the potential of Melton Mowbray Town Centre. • Improving the well-being of vulnerable people. 	The new Melton Local Plan policies needs to positively reflect the objectives set out in the Melton Economic Development Strategy 2012-2015.	The SA Framework and Appraisal needs to reflect the vision and objectives of the Melton Economic Development Strategy. <i>SA objective 13: economic growth</i>
Melton Community Partnership	MCP focuses on four specific aspects in Melton	The Melton Local	The SA Framework and Appraisal will

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Commissioning Plan 2012-2015	<p>which are to be reviewed annually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regenerating the Melton Borough and town centre. Improving the infrastructure of Melton • Supporting vulnerable people including Families with Complex Needs and Neighbourhood Management • Developing the Access to Services our customers use and experience • Improving Employment Skills development in Melton 	Plan vision, objectives and policies will need to reflect those of the Melton Community Partnership Commissioning Plan	<p>need to reflect the vision and objectives of the Melton Community Partnership Commissioning Plan.</p> <p><i>SA objective 13: economic growth</i></p>
Melton Employment Land Study (2015)	The Study recommends that land supply in Melton is currently 32.39ha over 18 sites which have unimplemented or partially implemented planning consents. Other recommendations include a need for nine key employment areas to be safeguarded for Class B uses and the identification a need for 50.70ha of employment land to 2036.	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to reflect the recommendations of the Melton Employment Land Study 2015.	<p>The SA Framework and Appraisal will need to reflect the Melton Employment Land Study evidence.</p> <p><i>SA objective 4: employment opportunities</i></p>
Melton Housing Strategy (2011)	<p>The Melton Housing Strategy provides the strategic direction for the housing related services we provide for the community. Its priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the housing needs of vulnerable people • Balancing the local housing market and the condition of houses • Improving housing services 	The new Melton Local Plan policies will need to reflect the corporate priorities of the Melton Housing Strategy.	<p>The SA Framework and Appraisal will need to reflect the Melton Housing Strategy requirements. To ensure that the strategic direction of housing provides the relevant services that are required.</p> <p><i>SA objective 1: housing</i></p>
Melton Borough Council Housing Needs Study (2016)	The Study provides a localised assessment of housing need, including looking at issues such as affordable housing and the mix of housing required.	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to reflect the recommendations of the Housing	<p>The SA Framework and Appraisal will need to reflect the Melton Housing Needs Study.</p> <p><i>SA objective 1: housing</i></p>

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		Needs Study.	
Melton Mowbray Sustainable Transport Strategy (2009)	The assessment involved the development of an outline strategy for non-car transport within the town which can be implemented with or without the proposed bypass scheme, which is at present being designed and assessed as part of other studies. The walking, cycling and public transport initiatives and schemes were aimed to reduce congestion in the town.	The new Melton Local Plan policies need to reflect the recommendations of the study and the site allocations will need to be assessed against the Melton Mowbray Sustainable Transport Study.	The SA Framework and Appraisal will need to reflect the objectives and recommendations of the Melton Mowbray Sustainable Transport Strategy. <i>SA objective 3: sustainable transport</i>
Economic Development Strategy (2012)	The Economic Development Strategy is designed to deliver the Councils overall vision and priorities identified in the Corporate Plan most notably; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support people and businesses through the economic downturn; • Meet the Economic needs of the Borough; • Maximise the potential of Melton Mowbray Town Centre • Improving the well-being of vulnerable people 	The new Melton Local Plan policies and site allocations will need to reflect the objectives and priorities within the Economic Development Strategy.	The SA Framework and Appraisal will need to reflect the priorities of the Economic Development Strategy. <i>SA objective 13: economic growth</i>
Open Space Assessment 2014 Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment 2014	The study concludes that there is a shortage of children's and young person's facilities within the Borough. The current allotment provision is at capacity with a waiting list. There is generally a good distribution of natural open spaces across the Borough.	The new Melton Local Plan will need to incorporate the findings and the requirements of the Melton Open Space Assessment 2014, and Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment 2014	The SA framework and appraisal will need to incorporate the requirements of the study. <i>SA objective 9: services and facilities.</i>
Air Quality Progress Report (2011)	The air quality objectives identified nationally	The new Melton	The impact of development on air quality

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	have not been exceeded in Melton since 2003 and the Council will continue to monitor air quality and vehicular emissions locally. The report stipulates that this will focus on the continued assessment of nitrogen dioxide using diffusion tubes in and around Melton Mowbray.	Local Plan will need have policies that promote the reduction on Co2 levels and pollution.	will need to be embedded into the SA framework and appraisal. <i>SA objective 15: energy efficiency and air quality</i>
Melton Borough Council Major Employment Sites Study (2009)	The studies analysis of the local economy suggests some particular objectives which are of relevance to any future planning of employment land: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To upgrade the mix of economic activity towards higher-value, knowledge-based activities, generating higher-paid jobs; • To provide space for small and emerging firms, with the aim of fostering entrepreneurship in the Borough; and • To support the development of the Borough's food and drink sector particularly, by encouraging it to diversify towards higher-value activities. 	The new Melton Local Plan policies will need to reflect the objectives of the major employment land study.	The objectives will need to be reflected within the SA framework and appraisal process. <i>SA objective 4: employment opportunities and SA objective 13: economic growth</i>
Melton Borough Council Retail Study (2015)	The study seeks to identify the requirements for new commercial leisure floorspace and comparison goods and convenience goods retail; food and drink uses in the Borough.	The new Melton Local Plan objectives and policies will need to reflect any identified need for new retail uses which is identified in the study.	The high level priorities of providing new retail floorspace will need to be embedded into the SA framework and appraisal. <i>SA objective 4: employment opportunities</i>
Settlement Roles and Relationships Report 2016	The purpose of this report is to set out the amended settlement hierarchy and housing distribution to the villages. This work was carried out in response to comments made to the Emerging Options (Draft) Local Plan consultation.	The new Melton Local Plan objectives and policies will need to reflect the amended settlement	The amended settlement hierarchy will need to be embedded in the SA framework and appraisal. <i>SA objective 9: services and facilities.</i>

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		hierarchy.	
Melton Infrastructure Assessment 2016; Infrastructure Delivery Plan; Infrastructure Delivery Schedule.	This report provides the findings of an infrastructure audit and presents an infrastructure delivery plan (IDP) for the Borough of Melton. The audit provides a review of existing provision and future requirements for physical, social and green infrastructure. The Infrastructure Delivery Schedule identifies the additional infrastructure required to support the delivery of housing and employment growth proposed in the Local Plan.	The new Melton Local Plan objectives and policies will need to reflect any identified need for new infrastructure identified in the report.	The requirements for new infrastructure will need to be embedded into the SA framework and appraisal <i>SA objective 3: Sustainable Transport</i> <i>SA Objective 13: Economic Growth</i>

Appendix 3

Updated Baseline Information

Baseline information provides the basis for predicting and monitoring the likely sustainability effects of a plan and helps to identify key sustainability issues and means of dealing with them.

Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations requires information to be provided on:

(2) the relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan;

(3) the environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected;

(4) any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 2009/147/EC [the 'Birds Directive'] and 92/43/EEC [the 'Habitats Directive'].

This section presents the relevant baseline information for Melton Borough. Data referred to have been chosen primarily for regularity and consistency of collection, in order to enable trends in the baseline situation to be established, and also subsequent monitoring of potential sustainability effects.

Under each section of the baseline, links are made with the relevant key sustainability issues for the Borough which are summarised in **Chapter 3** of this report.

Baseline information

Administrative context

Melton Borough Council covers an area of 48,138 hectares. The authority is an attractive rural area in the north-east part of Leicestershire at the heart of the East Midlands. Activities are centred on the single market town of Melton Mowbray which is located in the central part of the Borough towards the south. The surrounding rural area contains approximately 70 small villages. The four largest villages of Asfordby, Bottesford, Long Clawson and Waltham on the Wolds all have good or reasonable access to services such as schools and health services.

The rail network provides a direct link from Melton Mowbray to the nearby city of Leicester to the south west, with 'A' road access also provided to Nottingham to the north west.

Key sustainability issues

- The need for local communities to have responsibility for their areas.

Population

The resident population of Melton in 2014 was 51,000 people. Of those, 49% were male and 51% were female¹⁷. The population of the Borough is projected to grow to 52,400 by 2026¹⁸. The population density of the Borough is 1.0 persons per hectare compared with the natural average of 4.1 persons per hectare, demonstrating Melton's rural nature¹⁹.

In 2011 the mean age of Melton's population was 41.7 years which is slightly older than the national average of 39.3 years. The median age of residents in the Borough was 43 in 2011 compared with the national median age of 39²⁰. The trend of a slightly older population than England as a whole is continued when considering the number of people of retirement age residing in Melton. In Melton 23.8% of the population is of retirement age (65 and over for males and ages 60 and over for females) while nationally the figure is 20.3%²¹.

¹⁷ ONS (2014), Melton Key Figures for People and Society: Population and Migration

¹⁸ Melton Borough Council (2011), Melton Mowbray Sustainable Urban Extension Utilities Report

¹⁹ ONS (2011), Melton Population Density, 2011

²⁰ ONS (2011), Melton Age Structure, 2011

²¹ ONS (2014), Melton Resident Population Estimates by Broad Age Band

In the 2011 census 95% of Melton's population was classed as white of British descent. People of Indian descent made up the largest percentage of the population (0.5%) who are not classed as white²².

Key sustainability issues

- The average age of the population is ageing.

Housing

During the year 2012/2013 64 net additional dwellings were delivered in Melton. Ten (15.6%) of these dwellings were located on previously developed land. This was a reduction on the 79 (50.3%) from a total of 157 dwellings which were delivered on previously developed land during the year 2011/2012.

During the 2012/2013 reporting period only seven affordable homes were delivered in the Borough. This was significantly fewer than the previous year when 29 affordable homes were delivered and is also much lower than the identified annual requirement for 130 affordable homes. No Gypsy and Traveller sites were delivered during the same time period²³. A total of two permanent pitches and space for three transit caravans were provided in Melton between 2007 and 2013 and there is an identified need for six further permanent pitches to be provided by 2011 and a further two permanent pitches by 2017²⁴.

Housing is less affordable in Melton than in Leicestershire as a whole. The median house price in Leicestershire is £147,500 compared to £163,000 in Melton. Housing in Melton has also been identified as being less affordable in relation to earnings compared to the county level. The rural area of the Borough has particularly high concentrations of detached stock and dwellings within Melton as a whole are of a larger average size than those that are usually found within Leicestershire County. This point aside, housing in Melton, particularly in rural locations, is of high quality with many households (some of retirement age) migrating from the south of England to purchase more affordable properties.

The Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2014 identified that between 200 and 250 homes would be required to meet demand in the Borough up to 2031²⁵. Within the Borough, a theoretical capacity for a total of 40,930 dwellings has been identified in the Melton Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (outside of the deliverable and developable categories). The majority of the sites which could accommodate such development are located within Melton Mowbray²⁶.

The 2011 Census identified 21,490 households²⁷ and a total of 22,025 dwellings in the Borough. The percentage of the housing stock that is privately owned in Melton is 88.8% which is higher than the national percentage of 82.1%²⁸. In Melton 15.1% of local authority dwellings fell below the 'Decent Home Standard' as determined by the ONS²⁹

Key sustainability issues

- The need for housing that meets the needs of the local population.
- The need for affordable housing, due to average house prices being higher than the regional average.
- The need to ensure that there is adequate site provision for Gypsy and Travellers.

²² ONS (2011), Melton Ethnic Group, 2011

²³ Melton borough Council (2013), Melton Annual Monitoring Report 2013

²⁴ De Montfort University Leicester (2013), Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment Refresh

²⁵ GL Hearn and Leicester and Leicestershire Local Planning Authorities (2014), Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

²⁶ Melton Borough Council (2015), Melton Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2015

²⁷ ONS (2011), 2011 Census: Household lifestage, local authorities in England and Wales

²⁸ ONS (2011), Melton Key Figures for Housing

²⁹ ONS (2011), Melton Dwelling Stock by Tenure and Condition

Traffic, Transport and Accessibility

Melton Borough is crossed by the A606 Nottingham to Oakham road and the A607 Leicester to Grantham road. The A52 Nottingham to Grantham road runs through the Borough at the northern edge. The M1 Motorway is about 25 minutes' drive time to the west of Melton Mowbray, the A1 Trunk road is about 30 minutes' drive time to the east, and Nottingham East Midlands Airport is about 30 minutes' drive time to the north west. Melton Mowbray station is on the Birmingham to Stansted Airport railway line. Bottesford Station is on the Nottingham to Skegness line.

About 20 buses an hour pass through Melton Mowbray town centre; just over half of these buses travel to outlying cities or towns, passing through many of the villages although there are areas of the Borough which do not have a frequent bus service. Access to bus services is an issue for many members of Melton's population.

In Melton 73% of the workforce is drawn from Leicester and other Leicestershire Local Planning Authorities. The strongest commuting flow is from Charnwood³⁰. The 2011 census data highlights that in Melton, 51.4% of all employed people aged between 16 and 74 travelled to and from work by car/van either as a driver or passenger. This is higher than the national level of 40.1%. People using public transport (including underground, tram, metro, light rail, bus, minibus, coach, bicycle or travelling by foot) accounted for only 13.2% of commuters.

The 2011 Census data showed that 84.9% of households in Melton have access to one or more cars compared to 74.2% in England, which is an increase of 1.8% on the 2001 Census figure^{31,32}.

Key sustainability issues

- Accessibility and sustainable transport links need to be improved within the rural areas of the Borough.

Employment and economy

There are 31,200 people (63% of the population) of working age in Melton Borough and 90.4% of the working age population is economically active. Those claiming Job Seekers allowance make up 2.2% of the working age population. The average household income in the Borough is £26,458³³ and the average gross weekly pay for the Borough in 2013 was £423.30 which was significantly lower than the national average for full time employees (£517.00)³⁴.

Melton Mowbray is the main service and employment centre in the Borough. The economy has traditionally focused on farming and associated products. Over the last 50 years it has developed into a growing manufacturing and service economy with an international reputation for local food product such as Stilton Cheese and Melton Mowbray Pork Pie. Melton has relatively high levels of manufacturing employment (14% in the sub region compared to 9% nationally). Food and drink manufacturing now makes up 16% of all manufacturing jobs in the sub region³⁵.

The percentage of UK VAT and/or PAYE based enterprises based in the East Midlands region was 6.7% in 2013 which was the second lowest percentage of any regions of the UK after the North East. The number of enterprises in the East Midlands was constant at 145 from 2012 to 2013 which was a small increase from the 2011 of 141. Small (10 to 49 employees) and micro (0 to 9 employees) businesses make up 98.4% of businesses in the Borough with most employees employed full time (66.9%). This figure is similar to the percentage of people who are employed full time at the national level which is 68.3%. After manufacturing the most important job category in Melton is services which accounts of 72.2% of jobs; however this is considerably lower than the British level of 85.6%. The level of job density calculated as the ratio of total jobs to population aged 16-64 in Melton is 0.76 and is comparable to the British level of 0.82³⁶.

³⁰ GL Hearn and Leicester and Leicestershire Local Planning Authorities (2014), Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

³¹ ONS (2013), Melton Car or Van Availability, 2011

³² ONS (2007), Melton Cars or Vans, 2001

³³ Melton Borough Council (2013), Melton Annual Monitoring Report 2013

³⁴ ONS (2014), Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, 2014 Provisional Results

³⁵ Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (2011), Leicester and Leicestershire Economic Assessment 2011.

³⁶ Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics Accessed August 2016.

A household is said to be in fuel poverty if it needs to spend more than 10 per cent of its income on fuel to maintain an adequate standard of warmth. This is usually defined as 21 degrees for the main living room and 18 degrees for other occupied rooms. As can be seen from **Table A3.1** below shows that the percentage of households living in fuel poverty in Melton in 2013 was slightly higher than for Leicestershire as a whole but lower than that recorded for the East Midlands region. The general decrease in the level of fuel poverty recorded at all levels is also evident from this data.

Table A3.1: Levels of fuel poverty in Melton, Leicestershire and the East Midlands

Area	Percentage of households in fuel poverty (2010)	Percentage of households in fuel poverty (2014)
Melton	16.6%	11.0%
Leicestershire	17.3%	8.8%
East Midlands	18.2%	10.1% ³⁷

Key sustainability issues

- The need to attract higher knowledge based industries to the Borough.
- The need to increase the number of businesses locating in Melton.
- The need to ensure the continuing regeneration of Melton Town Centre.

Retail and tourism

As a sub-regional centre, the town of Melton Mowbray provides a range of comparison goods and smaller range of convenience goods and services. The town is a provider of important local services to settlements surrounding it such as banks, solicitors and estate agents. The town includes a high proportion of independent retailers (in 2010 independent units accounted for 54% of all comparison units and 70% of all convenience units in the town), which make it a distinctive place to shop. A particular strength is its range of independent food shops, which is important for its role as the Rural Capital of Food.

The town has a smaller proportion of vacant units than the recorded national average (7% compared to 12%) although the proportion of vacant floorspace in Melton is slightly higher than the national level (10.41% compared to 9.79%) - this is seen as a relatively positive indicator particularly following the recent recession. The town centre has a high proportion (46.38%) of service units when compared to the UK average of 38.5%. This is largely attributable to the number leisure services in Melton Mowbray such as restaurants, public houses, cafes and betting offices³⁸³⁹.

Melton has a small range of retail warehousing located on the periphery of the town centre, on the corner of Park Road and Scalford Road. The town is served by three supermarkets, Tesco on Thorpe Road, Sainsbury on Nottingham Road and Morrisons, Thorpe End.

Asfordby Village centre comprises a small precinct of retail units located on Bradgate Lane, where services are mainly food and drink orientated and include two public houses, two takeaways and an Indian restaurant.

Bottesford Village centre comprises several small shops located on Queen Street, High Street and Market Street. The village centre offers a good range of local convenience shops. Services on offer are predominately food and drink-based including three public houses, a restaurant, a cafe, and two takeaways. There are also two hair salons located in the village.

Tourism and leisure is one of the most important sectors to the rural economy. Local tourist attractions range from major attractions and events such as Belvoir Castle, Twin Lakes and the East Midlands Food and Drink Festival to small tea rooms.

³⁷ DECC (2014), Fuel poverty 2010: sub-regional data

³⁸ GVA (2011), Melton Retail Study

³⁹ PBA (2015), Melton Retail Study

Key sustainability issues

- The need to maintain levels of tourism in the Borough while preventing any detrimental impact on the local environment.

Education, skills and training

It has been highlighted that there needs to be a closer relationship between local education and skills agencies and the business community. There is a higher than average number of people employed in higher managerial roles in Melton than the rest of the region or the UK and there is a higher percentage of people with a level four qualification or equivalent compared to the rest of the region. However there is also a higher number of people with no qualifications or with a qualification level one or equivalent than the rest of the region and the country, highlighting the skills gap between the local population and employment opportunities.

Housing growth will generate a demand for education provision for both primary and secondary levels. A number of the villages are served by primary schools; there are currently 14 academies across the Borough of Melton. During the period 2012/2013 94.0% of properties completed in Melton were provided within 30 minutes public transport travel time of key services which include primary schools and secondary schools.

52.2% of pupils at key stage 4 level within the Borough achieved five or more GCSEs grades A*-C in 2013/2014 compared to the national level of 56.8%⁴⁰. In Melton those with qualifications of NVQ4 level or higher (29.6%) make up less of the population than in Great Britain as a whole where the level is recorded as 37.1%⁴¹. The 2011 Census identified that 21.4% of people over the age of 16 had no formal qualifications which is similar to the national level of 22.5%.

Key sustainability issues

- The need to stimulate the local economy, increasing economic growth and average earnings while addressing skills shortages within the Borough.

Health

The health of people in Melton is generally better than the England average. Life expectancy is higher than the national average for both males and females. The average life expectancy for males in Melton in 2009 was 80.3 compared to the average for England of 78.3, while the average life expectancy for females in Melton was 83.1 compared with the national average of 82.3⁴². Life expectancy varies within the Borough, however, with life expectancy being 4.3 years lower for men in the most deprived areas of Melton than in the least deprived areas.

The Borough is less deprived than just over than half of the local authorities in England, ranking 249th out of 326 local authorities in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation where a rank of one is the most deprived⁴³; however 11.3% (1,000) of children live in poverty.

Key indicators include:

- 12.8% of year 6 children are classified as obese (compared to the national value of 19.1%).
- 18.9% of adults are classified as obese (compared to the national value of 23.0%).
- 56.1% of adults meet the recommended physical activity levels (compared to the national value of 56.0%).
- The death or serious injury rate of people on roads in Melton was recorded as 38.1 per 100,000 people for the period 2011-2013 which is comparable to the national value of 39.7 per 100,000.
- The rate of infant mortality per 1,000 live births was 4.3 for the period 2011-2013 which is higher than the national value of 4.0.

⁴⁰ Public Health England (2015), Melton Health Profile 2015.

⁴¹ Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics Accessed August 2016

⁴² ONS (2009), Melton Life Expectancy at Birth

⁴³ DCLG (2010), Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010, Local Authority District Rank of Average Rank

- The number of hospital stays caused by self-harm in Melton in 2013/2014 was recorded at 105.5 per 100,000 population which is significantly lower than the national value of 203.2
- Then number of admissions involving an alcohol-related diagnosis in the Borough was 574 per 100,000 during the 2013/2014 time period which was significantly less than the national value of 645.
- The number of smoking related deaths for the period 2011-2013 in Melton (249.9) was lower than the national value of 288.7 per 100,000 of population⁴⁴.

The percentage of residents who considered themselves to be in very good health was 48.3% in the 2011 Census which is comparable to the national value of 47.6%⁴⁵.

The Borough is served by, 10 GP surgeries and there are five dentists, mainly concentrated around Melton Mowbray. The hospital at Melton Mowbray is a maternity hospital as well as having one ward which provides general rehabilitation and palliative and end of life care.

Key sustainability issues

- The need to continue to protect and enhance human health, including a reduction in road traffic accidents.

Crime and Security

Crime significantly harms communities creating a culture of fear and damaging the lives of some of our most vulnerable groups in society including young people, ethnic minorities and the elderly, often leading to social exclusion. Funding constraints facing police forces can affect their ability to address these issues. The factors that contribute towards social exclusion are also the factors that are associated in the development of crime and include poor educational attainment, unemployment, low income, poor housing, and poor access to services, family breakdown and drug and alcohol misuse. Nationally, there have been reductions in crime over recent years. Melton is ranked 266 out of 376 districts, indicating that the level of crime is in the lowest 40% of districts nationally.

Motor vehicle theft in the Borough has reduced from a count of 160 in 2001/2002 to 71 in 2010/2011. Recent trends in a reduction in crime nationally are also reflected in a reduction in the recording of violent crimes in Melton from 661 incidents in 2008/2009 to 554 in 2010/2011.

Culture, sport and leisure

The Draft Melton Borough Council Open Space Assessment Report 2014 reviews the existing provision within the Borough. In total there are seven sites classed as publicly accessible parks and gardens in Melton, totalling over 96 hectares. There are no parks and gardens in the North of the Borough, specifically Bottesford and the area is not served by provision elsewhere in the Borough. Although there are other types of formal provision, such as allotments and cemeteries servicing the area, these do not meet the needs of the park provision. Much of the east of the Borough is also not served by parks provision; however this, area has a lower population density.

There are 13 sites classified as natural or semi- natural green spaces in Melton totalling almost 50 hectares. There is generally a good distribution of natural and semi natural sites across the Borough; however there are residents in Melton and Asfordby without access to provision based on a 10 minute walk. There are also no designated local nature reserves, although a number of sites do have nature reserve status.

Open spaces in the more urban areas of the Borough tend to be well linked by green corridors particularly in Melton. Its Heritage Trail takes in the town centre parks and gardens.

There are 85 sites classified as amenity green space totalling 39 hectares. These spaces offer opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas. In relation to formal play there are 47 sites with provision for children and young people totalling 6.75 hectares although there has been a decrease of three play areas since 2010. There is currently a good distribution of provision for children and young people

⁴⁴ Public Health England (2014), Melton District Health Profile 2014

⁴⁵ ONS (2011), 2011 Census: General health, local authorities in the United Kingdom

across the Borough. The majority of the provision is located in Melton Mowbray and Asfordby, both in terms of number of sites and hectares per 1,000 people. Melton Country Park, which is located within 10 minutes travel time of the centre of Melton Mowbray, is an example of one of the more important areas of open space in the Borough. The park is 136.78ha in size and has achieved Green Flag Award and Green Heritage Site status. It provides access to large areas of informal and formal recreation areas, lakes, waterways, sports facilities, play areas, picnic areas, a memorial garden, footpaths, and cycle tracks. The only other Green Flag Award Site in the Borough is Thorpe Road Cemetery which is also located in Melton Mowbray.

Other areas of green space provision within the district include 35 allotments which are all currently at capacity and 65 cemeteries and church yards covering 26.77 hectares.

Natural England has set the Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards (ANGSt) on the principle of improving access to, improving the naturalness and improving the connectivity of greenspaces in the country. The standard recommends that everyone should have access to natural greenspace which is:

- of at least 2ha in size and no more than 300 metres from home;
- of at least 20ha and within two kilometres of home;
- of at least 100ha and within five kilometres of home; and
- of at least 500ha and within ten kilometres of home; plus
- a minimum of one hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population.⁴⁶

Given the potential for green spaces to offer lasting economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits it is important the provision of adequate levels of local provision are made. Providing linked networks of multi-functional green spaces through local green infrastructure may also help to encourage more sustainable transport promote economic development and also facilitate sustainable urban drainage. As such it is important that existing green infrastructure in Melton is protected, enhanced and current provision is built upon with the planning system placed to facilitate its early incorporation into emerging development proposals.

The Borough's residents have access to a number of leisure facilities and cultural activities including a leisure centre, golf course, theatre and cinema within Melton Mowbray⁴⁷. Melton Borough Council's Playing Pitch Assessment Report found that 66.4% of all adult residents were satisfied with local sports provisions compared to a national rate of 69.0%⁴⁸.

There is one leisure centre within the Borough at Melton Mowbray and there are two libraries at Melton Mowbray and Bottesford. Within the rural areas of the Borough, the village and parish halls make a valuable contribution to the local residents, where they host facilities for sports and leisure groups and accommodate further activities for the local population.

Key sustainability issues

- There is an identified lack of provision of open space facilities in the north and east of the Borough.

Natural habitats and biodiversity

Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth at all levels, from genes to worldwide populations of the same species; from communities of species sharing the same small area of habitat to worldwide ecosystems.

Biodiversity has many attributes:

- it is a vital, integral part of the planet's life support system;
- it is the basis for evolution and adaptation to a rapidly changing environment;
- it is a key component of a functioning environment for future generations;

⁴⁶ Natural England (2010), 'Nature Nearby' Accessible Natural Greenspace Guidance

⁴⁷ Melton Borough Council (2014), Melton Borough Council Open Space Assessment Report 2014

⁴⁸ Melton Borough Council (2011), Playing Pitch Assessment Report

- it is essential to maintain clean water, fertile soil and clean air, thereby providing the basis for existence and indirect economic benefits;
- it can be managed and used for economic benefit, for instance to produce crops, medicines, building materials, fuel and tools;
- it has economic and social values e.g. in leisure and recreation or tourism, and educational, aesthetic and spiritual value, and so enriches our quality of life;
- it determines the distinctive character or 'feel' to an area, be it a chalk down land, estuary, woodland or moor; and
- people value the existence of biodiversity and want it conserved.

The main threats to both local and global biodiversity are associated with human activities causing habitat loss/damage, loss of biodiversity, loss of protected species, disturbance to and pollution of ecosystems. Many species populations are being reduced and fragmented below viable sizes. Conserving biodiversity is a global, long-term challenge and requires global, long-term solutions that start at the local level.

There are a number of places within the Borough that are very important for wildlife. They include meadows, woodlands, rivers, ponds and hedgerows. There are two National Nature Reserves in the Borough. Muston Meadows is an important wetland site with large areas of natural reed bed and neutral grassland. Cribbs Meadow, on the border with Lincolnshire supports wild flowers once typical of chalk clay pastures in Leicestershire. In 2008 information from the Council indicated that there were 112 Local Wildlife Sites designated in the Borough⁴⁹. There are also 15 sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) that include stretches of the River Eye and Grantham Canal, Harby Hill Wood and King Luds Entrenchment. **Table A3.2** below shows the condition of the SSSI's within the Borough^{50,51}.

Table A3.2: SSSI condition in Melton Borough

SSSI	Main Habitat	Condition of SSSI
Terrace Hills Pasture	Calcareous grassland - Lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering
Holwell Mouth	Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland - Lowland	Unfavourable - recovering
Debdale Meadow, Muston	Neutral grassland - Lowland	Favourable
Frisby Marsh	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable - Recovering
Grantham Canal	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable - No Change
Harby Hill Wood	Neutral grassland - Lowland; Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland -Lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering
Sproxtton Quarry	Earth heritage	Unfavourable - Recovering
Stonesby Quarry	Calcareous grassland - Lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering
Wyndham Rough	Neutral grassland - Lowland	Favourable (88%) and unfavourable - recovering (12%)
King Lud's Entrenchment and the Drift	Calcareous grassland - Lowland; Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland -Lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering
Muston Meadows	Neutral grassland - Lowland	Favourable
Briery Wood Heronry, Belvoir	Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland - Lowland	Unfavourable - Declining
River Eye	Rivers and Streams	Unfavourable - No change
Cribb's Lodge Meadows	Neutral grassland - Lowland	Favourable

⁴⁹ Melton Borough Council (2011), Revised Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study

⁵⁰ Natural England Condition of SSSI Units Accessed August 2016

⁵¹ Ordnance Survey (2015), Defra location of SSSI sites in Melton Borough, Magic Accessed August 2016

Croxtton Park	Acid grassland – Lowland; Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland -Lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering
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Key sustainability issues

- The need to improve the condition of SSSIs in Borough most of which are currently in unfavourable condition.

Geodiversity

The Borough has only one SSSI which has been designated for its geodiversity (Sproxtton Quarry). The Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study identified 12 sites with potential for designation as Local Geological Sites but concluded that most of the sites were limited in terms of their geological importance. At present no Local Geological Sites have been designated within the Borough⁵².

Areas of historic mining are mainly restricted to the more rural areas of the Borough with important areas of mining which are immediately adjacent to Melton Mowbray limited to the north-western, western and northern of the town (for example Holwell Works). These areas are considered to have limited potential for geological exposures due to the reduced activities at these locations. The area along the River Wreake Valley through Melton is identified as an important element of local geology. Quaternary sand and gravel river terrace deposits and Bytham Sand and Gravel Formation are found in these areas. To preserve geodiversity in the area it may be prudent to site future development away from the River Wreake valley and allow only for sympathetic of the industrial history in Holwell Works near Asfordby Hill⁵³.

Development around Melton Mowbray has the potential to be constrained by mineral consultation zones to the east and west of the town respectively which have been identified due to the potential for sand and gravel extraction in these areas⁵⁴.

Key sustainability issues

- The need to protect the limited amount of geodiversity which has been identified and designated within the Borough.

Air and Water

There are currently no Air Quality Management Areas in Melton. The AQMA that was declared in previously in the Borough was revoked in 2002⁵⁵. This is due to the relatively low population density and subsequent low concentrations of development in Melton.

Melton falls within the area which has been identified as Water Supply Zone ZLC24 by Severn Trent Water. The water is supplied from surface water treated at works in Leicestershire. In 2015 the zone had no Prescribed Concentrations or Values exceedances⁵⁶. The number of abstraction licences in force for purpose for the entire Midlands area decreased slightly from 2012 to 2013 from 3,989 to 3,944. Licences for spray irrigation (2,361) made up the largest section of identified uses for which these licences were obtained⁵⁷.

Melton Mowbray is served by the Lake Terrace Terminal Pumping Station and the Melton Mowbray Waste Water Treatment works and these facilities are anticipated as being able to accommodate future development in the area. Foul water which might result due to development in this area is also expected to be accommodated within the existing sewerage system. The sewage treatment works at Melton Mowbray currently serves a population equivalent of around 57,200 and is operating within its 9,273m³ /day Dry Weather Flow consent. Increased potential for surface water flooding is expected to be addressed through sustainable drainage systems for development by Melton Mowbray⁵⁸.

⁵² Leicestershire County Council Regionally Important Geological Sites website, Accessed August 2016

⁵³ Amec for Melton Borough Council (2011), Revised Melton Borough Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study

⁵⁴ Melton Borough Council (2009), Melton Mowbray Growth Areas; Minerals and Geology: Minerals Consultation Zones

⁵⁵ Defra, AQMAs Declared by Melton Borough Council Accessed August 2016

⁵⁶ Severn Trent Water (2016), Water Quality Summary Report Zone Reference: ZLC24

⁵⁷ Environment Agency (2015), Number of abstraction licences in force by purpose: England and Wales (2012 and 2013)

⁵⁸ Melton Borough Council (2011), Melton Mowbray Sustainable Urban Extension Utilities Report

Flooding

Melton Borough has a long history of flood events, not only from fluvial flooding. Secondary sources include runoff from hillsides, groundwater flooding, flooding from sewers and drains and blockages to artificial drainage systems. These sources comprise a significant flood risk in areas of the Borough.

- Grantham Canal: There have been instances where the capacities of the culverts under Grantham Canal have been insufficient to convey runoff from significant rainfall events, causing floodwaters to back up.
- Drainage Structures: Ditches, culverts and other drainage structures appear to be common sources of flooding in the catchment, either due to blockages or insufficient capacity which has been potentially worsened by development in the catchment. At Holmfield in Hoby, several bridges cause constrictions between Thrussington Lane and Brooksby road elevating flood levels.
- Overland Flow: surface rainfall runoff from hillsides above settlements has been problematic and common, exacerbated by the impervious clay geology of large areas of the Borough.
- The watercourses throughout the Borough pose a potential flood risk to both existing and future development, particularly near the extensive flood plains of the larger, lower gradient rivers (Eye/Wreake and Devon), which rivers naturally occupy during high flow.
- Groundwater: Egression of groundwater through fissures in the hillside at Frisby on the Wreake has been known to generate overland flow and cause inundation of property;
- Sewage: Flooding by sewage has been observed in Great Dalby and Harby.

Areas of Flood Zone 2 and Flood Zone 3 are located in the most developed parts of the Borough at Melton Mowbray where some stretches of the River Eye benefit from flood defences⁵⁹. A total of 1,328 properties across the Borough are at risk of flooding from watercourses in a 1-in-100 year flood event. In 2012/2013 the Council did not grant planning permission for any development which would be contrary to the Environment Agency guidance on flooding and water quality grounds⁶⁰.

Leicestershire County Council is the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) in the area and as such has a duty to investigate flooding incidents and assess the risks associated with the flood. The County Council has produced the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which identifies 1,081 properties in the town of Melton Mowbray as being at risk of flooding through a 1 in 100 year flood event by surface water. The Strategy also identifies historic flooding events at five separate locations across the Borough (Appleby Magna, Bottesford, Frisby, Melton Mowbray and Somerby)⁶¹.

Key sustainability issues

- The need to manage flood risk.

Landscape

Arable land accounts for about half of the area with Melton Borough. Soils are mainly heavy textured with impeded drainage and are used for growing principally autumn-sown crops such as oilseed rape and winter wheat. The majority of the rest of the land is used for grazing cattle, sheep and, close to the urban fringe, horses. Some of the grassland is old and has retained substantial 'ridge and furrow' topography.

The hills around Melton Mowbray are formed in Jurassic materials, mainly clay shales and limestones in the Lias Formations⁶². These outcrop locally in some valley sides but the principal soil forming material is Pleistocene chalky till (chalky boulder clay) which mantles the upper slopes of most of the area. At lower levels as in the River Eye Valley there are areas of river alluvium, and some associated loamy terrace material. Most of the land close to the town is

⁵⁹ Environment Agency, Flood Mapping for Planning (Rivers and Seas) Accessed August 2016

⁶⁰ Melton Borough Council (2013), Melton Annual Monitoring Report 2013

⁶¹ Leicestershire County Council (2015), Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

⁶² ADAS (2006), Melton Borough Landscape and Historic Urban Character Assessment Report

underlain by clayey parent material that is slowly permeable, so that the soils are subject to winter waterlogging.

Most of the land in Melton is of grade 3 quality although there are pockets of grade 2 agricultural land throughout the Borough, mostly located to the north of Melton Mowbray⁶³. The NPPF requires that the best and most versatile land is protected from development with consideration for its economic and other benefits. There is a requirement to make use poorer quality land over that which of a higher quality where significant development of agricultural land has been demonstrated to be necessary⁶⁴.

Grade 1 to grade 3 a quality land has been identified as excellent to good quality land and as such is defined as the best and most versatile land by planning policy guidance through Annex 2 of NPPF. As such this is land which the most flexible, productive and efficient in response to the types of food and non-food crops it can sustain.

The Historic Landscape Characterisation Project undertaken by Leicestershire County Council⁶⁵ identifies areas of heathland and common, areas of ridge and furrow, broadleaved woodland, mixed woodland, parkland, village greens, parks and gardens, country houses, marsh and floodplain fields (most traditionally used as meadows) within Melton Borough. These areas are highly sensitivity to development such as wind energy development. Important views and associated landmarks have been identified in Melton at Belvoir Castle and Burrough Hill⁶⁶.

There are four National Character Areas which cover the Borough, and these are:

- JCA 48- Trent and Belvoir Vales
- JCA74- Leicestershire and Nottingham Wolds
- JCA-75- Kesteven Uplands
- JCA-93-High Leicestershire

The landscape of Melton Borough is typically rolling hills and valleys. The most prominent features are the escarpments defining the southern edge of the Vale of Belvoir. The landscape of the Borough is rich in rural culture and closely associated with agricultural products.

Melton Mowbray is situated in the centre of the Borough and is a large well contained market town on rising ground above the Wreake Valley. The numerous small villages within the Borough retain many of their historical features and are built in the local ironstone and sandstone and most are centred on a church or prominent spire.

The landform of the Borough is generally indistinct lowland ridge and valley, although the Vale of Belvoir, its escarpment and the High Leicestershire Hills in the south are more pronounced. The ridge and valleys predominately run along a southwest to northwest axis. Gently sloped river valleys are also characteristic features of the landscape, notably the Wreake, Eye and Gaddesby. The main waterway in the Borough is the Grantham Canal⁶⁷. Twenty individual Landscape Character Areas have been identified in Melton in the Melton Landscape Character Assessment Update which built upon the original 2006 study. Considering the rural nature of the Borough the main changes in the landscape and thus those reflected in the report were in the Melton Farmland Fringe Landscape Character Area and the fringe areas around Melton Mowbray⁶⁸.

Key sustainability issues

- The need to ensure that brownfield sites are redeveloped and the developments of greenfield sites are kept to a minimum.

Historic Environment

⁶³ Defra (2011), Agricultural Land Classification Map East Midlands Region

⁶⁴ Communities and Local Government (2012), National Planning Policy Framework

⁶⁵ Leicestershire County Council (2010), Historic Landscape Characterisation Project

⁶⁶ LUC on behalf of Melton Borough Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council (2014), Melton and Rushcliffe Landscape Sensitivity Study: Wind Energy Development

⁶⁷ ADAS (2006), Melton Borough Landscape and Historic Urban Character Assessment Report

⁶⁸ ADAS (2011), Melton Landscape Character Assessment Update 2011

The UNESCO World Heritage Convention (1972) defines the scope of “cultural heritage” as follows:

- Monuments: architectural works, works of monumental sculpture and painting, elements or structures of an archaeological nature, inscriptions, cave dwellings and combinations of features, which are of outstanding universal value from the point of view of history, art or science.
- Groups of buildings: groups of separate or connected buildings which, because of their architecture, their homogeneity or their place in the landscape, are of outstanding universal value from the point of view of history, art or science.
- Sites: works of man or the combined works of nature and man, and areas including archaeological sites, which are of outstanding universal value from the historical, aesthetic, ethnological or anthropological point of view.

Preserving the cultural and historic environment benefits communities in more than one way:

- It provides an essential educational resource for the understanding of the past and its legacy.
- It contributes to the national and local economy as it promotes tourism and provides jobs.
- It provides people with a sense of belonging to a unique and special place – a sense of identity.

A wide definition of the historic environment is therefore needed and should include not only areas and buildings with statutory protection, but also areas which are locally distinctive, valued and important. The historic environment is more than a cultural or environmental asset; it is an important driver for economic regeneration, helps build social cohesion and provide a better quality of life for all.

Before neolithic times the landscape of Melton Borough was largely wooded. Gradually neolithic farmers began to clear woods and it is believed that during the Neolithic and bronze age periods significant felling occurred, so that by 1000BC much of the original woodland cover had been cleared. Between the end of the Roman period and Norman Conquest, Anglo-Saxons and Danes colonized the area and this led to a change in the pattern of settlement from of dispersed farmstead to one of villages surrounded by collective open farming systems. By Domesday, most of the village and hamlets were in existence and today, the widespread existence of ridge and furrow is an indication of just how much land was ploughed and cultivated during the medieval period.

From the late century onwards landowners enclosed land by planting hedges to form more manageable fields for sheep and cattle pasture, sometimes leading to the loss of villages.

The past 50 years has seen equally radical change with farmers switching from pastoral to arable farming and with field drained and hedgerows removed to create larger fields. In more recent years this decline in the character of the agricultural landscape has reversed and agricultural environment schemes and improved environmental knowledge has ensured a more diverse landscape. However, the fringe landscapes around town are now under increasing pressure to absorb a variety of development needs and landscape quality in these areas threatened.

Melton Borough has 702 Listed Buildings and six of these are on the Heritage at Risk Register. These are the Grade II* Listed properties Church of St John the Baptist, Church of St Bartholomew and Church of St Peter as well as the Grade I Listed properties Church of St Peter, Church of St Mary and Church of All Saints. There are also 35 Schedules Monuments, two Registered Parks and Gardens⁶⁹, and 44 Conservation Areas⁷⁰ with Conservation Area Appraisals within the Borough. None of these heritage features are on the Heritage at Risk Register. There is a devised heritage trail through Melton Mowbray which is a key tourist attraction.

Key sustainability issues

- The need to protect and enhance the historic built environment.

Waste

⁶⁹ Historic England. Heritage at Risk Register .Accessed August 2016

⁷⁰ Melton Borough Council (2013), Melton Annual Monitoring Report 2013

For the quarterly period July to September 2014 the total amount of household waste collected in the Borough was 5229 tonnes which is a reduction on the 5933 tonnes collected for the quarterly period July to September 2010. During the period July to September 2014, 27.71% of household waste was sent for recycling while 20.31% of household waste was composted⁷¹. The rate of recycling and composting throughout England for the comparable period of 2013/2014 was recorded as 38.6% and throughout the East Midlands for the same period was 41.5%⁷².

The percentage of household waste collected sent to landfill in Leicestershire County during the quarterly period July 2014 to September 2014 was 17.74%. Comparably, 19.8% of Local Authority collected waste in England was sent to landfill in the period 2013/2014. In Melton, waste collection per capita for the quarterly period July 2014 to September 2014 was 102.86kg while the rate for Leicestershire County Council was recorded as 128.18kg for the same period. This rate of collection per head in Melton has decreased from 120.59kg recorded during the quarterly period of July to September 2010.

Areas of land within Melton Mowbray have been identified as being Inspection Priority 1 to 3 (very high to moderate risk) as well as Inspection 4 (low risk) in terms of contamination. Land which has been identified as potentially being the highest risk (Inspection Priority 1 and 2) is located mainly in the eastern part of the town centre. The largest area of Inspection Priority 2 land in the town is in the industrial area to the north the A607 and several smaller areas of Inspection Priority 1 land are present to the south of this area to the east and west of Brook Street⁷³.

Key sustainability issues

- Areas of land which have been contaminated exist within the Borough and this issue needs to be considered when development is proposed.

Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Government targets place requirements upon the Council to act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Energy White Paper set out a target of achieving a 60% reduction in emissions by 2050. The key objectives of the Council's 2025 Environment Vision are to reduce greenhouse gases, raise the environmental standards of buildings and develop a green network. This includes reducing carbon dioxide emissions by more than 30% by 2020 from a 2005 baseline.

Almost half of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions are from energy used to generate heat. Much of the building stock in Melton is still poorly insulated and inefficient. The homes and buildings being built now must be as energy efficient as possible. Transport is a major contributor to the UK's economy demand and greenhouse gas emissions.

In Melton in 2012 overall carbon emissions of 405.0kt CO₂ were recorded which was an increase on the 2011 figure of 385.4 kt CO₂. Industry and commercial emissions (158.3 kt CO₂) and transport emissions (115.9 kt CO₂) were the largest contributors to the overall emissions figure recorded for Melton. Emissions per capita increased over the same one year period from 7.6 tonnes per capita to 8.0 tonnes per capita⁷⁴. This is similar to the UK value of 7.1 tonnes per capita and the England value of 7.0 tonnes per capita recorded in 2012. The increase in emissions per capita followed the trend which was identified in 374 out of the 406 Local Authorities from 2011 to 2012⁷⁵.

During the year period 2012/2013 the Borough saw development which generated 278 kilowatts of energy from onshore wind installed. Monitoring of data over a five year period has shown that there is currently demand for wind energy in Melton. **Table A3.3** below provides a breakdown of renewable energy generation capacity installed by capacity (KW) and type in the Borough⁷⁶.

⁷¹ WasteDataFlow (web based system for municipal waste data reporting by UK local authorities to government), accessed: August 2016

⁷² Defra (2014), Local authority collected waste generation from April 2000 to March 2014 (England and regions) and local authority data April 2013 to March 2014

⁷³ Melton Borough Council (2009), Melton Mowbray Growth Areas; Ground Contamination

⁷⁴ Department of Energy and Climate Change (2014), UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics: 2005-2012

⁷⁵ DECC (2014), Local authority carbon dioxide emissions estimates 2012

⁷⁶ Melton Borough Council (2013), Melton Annual Monitoring Report 2013

Table A3.3: Installed renewable energy capacity in Melton Borough

Type	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
	Extant permissions not installed	Installed	Extant permissions not installed	Installed	Extant permissions not installed	Installed	Extant permissions not installed	Installed
Biomass	0	0	Heat*	0	0	0	0	0
Wind	23.5	49	66	8.5	14034	113	188700	278
Hydro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solar	0	0	0	0	50	2600	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>23.5</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>14084</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>188700</i>	<i>278</i>

Climate change adaption is becoming an increasingly important concern in planning for future sustainable development with many of the climatic changes forecast for the next 30–40 years 'locked in'⁷⁷. Green infrastructure has an important role to play in adapting to and mitigating climate change and can help to reduce the impact of urban heat island effect, flood risk, help to improve water and air quality and allow for sustainable drainage. Appropriate integration of green infrastructure can be achieved as part of a masterplanning process with social and economic benefits associated with issues such as health and well-being and increased property values also recognised in addition to potential environmental gains already highlighted.

Key sustainability issues

- The need to provide for the development of renewable energy locally.

⁷⁷ TCPA (2007), Climate change adaption by design

Appendix 4

Compatibility assessment between the SA objectives and the Local Plan strategic priorities

Table A4.1: Compatibility of the Local Plan Strategic Priorities and the SA objectives

Key to symbols used				
✓✓ Highly compatible	✓ Potentially compatible	0 Neutral	x Potentially incompatible	xx Highly incompatible

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives	
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	✓✓	✓✓	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	✓	0	x	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Several of the strategic priorities will ensure that housing meets the needs of the current and future population. There are potential conflicts where strategic priorities seek to protect the natural and historic environment, or promote other forms of development (employment).
2. To develop a strong culture of learning,	0	0	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Several of the strategic priorities are particularly compatible with

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives	
enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.																										this objective as they seek to improve access to services including education and improvements to public transport provision will have indirect benefits.	
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make	0	0	✓✓	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓✓	✓	✓	0	✓	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	Several of the strategic priorities relate directly to improving access to public transport. The SA objective is also compatible with the strategic priorities seeking to reduce pollution, improve health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives
sustainable transport choices.																										
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community .	0	✓	0	✓	0	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	0	Several of the strategic priorities relate directly to improving the local economy. However, the SA objective is potentially incompatible with the strategic priorities seeking to reduce pollution and to protect and enhance the natural and historic environment.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	x	0	0	0	✓	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓✓	0	✓✓	✓	✓✓	0	0	0	0	0	The strategic priorities relating to promoting high quality design and protecting the rural character of Melton relate directly to this SA

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives
landscape.																										objective. There may be potential incompatibilities with the strategic priorities promoting housing and employment development.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	x	✓	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	✓	✓✓	0	0	✓	✓	✓	0	0	A number of the strategic priorities relate directly to improving the quality of the natural environment, including biodiversity. There are potential incompatibilities with the strategic priorities promoting housing and employment development.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	x	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	✓✓	0	0	✓✓	✓	0	0	✓	0	0	A number of the strategic priorities relate directly to improving the quality of the

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives	
historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.																										historic environment. There are potential incompatibilities with the strategic priorities promoting housing and employment development.	
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	x	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	✓	0	✓	✓✓	0	✓	0	0	Strategic priorities relating to the efficient use of resources and the protection of the natural environment are compatible with this SA objective, while strategic priorities promoting housing and employment development may be incompatible.
9. To promote social inclusion and	0	0	✓	0	0	✓	0	0	0	0	0	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	A number of the strategic priorities directly address access to community

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives	
cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.																											services and facilities and so are highly compatible with this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	0	0	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	The strategic priorities which seek to improve the local economy and increase employment opportunities are highly compatible with this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	0	✓✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	The strategic priority which relates to improving safety and reducing crime is highly compatible with this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓✓	The strategic priority which relates to

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives	
increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.																										encouraging the reuse and recycling of waste is highly compatible with this SA objective.	
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	The strategic priorities which seek to improve the local economy and increase employment opportunities are highly compatible with this SA objective. The priorities relating to reducing congestion and improving public transport links are also compatible.
14. To reduce health inequalities , promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	✓✓	0	✓✓	0	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	The strategic priorities relating to improving access to services (including healthcare) are highly compatible with this SA objective. Priorities relating

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives	
																											to reduced car use, reduced pollution and flood risk mitigation are also compatible.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	x	0	✓✓	✓	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	✓	0	✓✓	✓	0	0	0	✓✓	0	✓✓	0	0	A number of the strategic priorities relate directly or indirectly to climate change mitigation. The strategic priorities relating to encouraging renewable energy generation, reducing car use and reducing pollution are highly compatible with this SA objective. There are potential incompatibilities with the priorities promoting development.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing	x	✓	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓✓	0	0	The strategic priority relating to reducing flood risk is highly

SA objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Compatibility between the Melton Local Plan strategic priorities and the SA objectives
the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.																										compatible with this SA objective. There are potential incompatibilities with the priorities promoting development.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	x	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓✓	0	0	0	✓✓	0	✓	0	0	The strategic priorities relating to the efficient use of natural resources and reducing pollution are highly compatible with this SA objective. There are potential incompatibilities with the priorities promoting development.

Appendix 5

Assumptions Applied During the SA of the Small-Scale Residential Site Options

Table A5.1: Updated assumptions for use in the SA of small-scale residential site options

Headline SA objectives	Sub-questions	SA Assumptions
<p>1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.</p>	<p>Will it supplement the current range of residential accommodation that will contribute to the overall needs of the community?</p> <p>Will it contribute to the stock of affordable housing in places where a need has been established?</p> <p>Will it facilitate accommodation for members of the community with particular housing needs?</p>	<p>All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either on site or by way of financial contribution). Larger sites will provide opportunities for developing greater numbers of new and affordable homes, and therefore are assumed to have a significant positive effect. They may also offer opportunities for bringing forward self-build plots.</p> <p>Based on the range of sizes of the potential sites for residential development being considered by Melton Borough Council, larger sites are assumed to be those with capacity for more than 100 homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large sites (those with capacity for more than 100 homes) will have a significant positive (++) effect. • Smaller sites (those with capacity for fewer than 100 homes) will have a minor positive (+) effect.
<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	<p>Will it increase levels of qualification?</p> <p>Will it create high knowledge jobs?</p> <p>Will it improve access to educational facilities?</p>	<p>The effects of housing development on this objective will depend on the availability of school places to serve the growing population, which will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of the new housing development, which is unknown at this stage. The effects of developing a site are most likely to relate to access to educational facilities, rather than increasing levels of qualification and the creation of high knowledge jobs.</p> <p>Effects will also depend on the proximity of sites to existing schools, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools to accommodate new pupils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are within 600m of at least one school may have a significant positive (++?) effect. • Sites that are not within 600m of a school, but that are either in Melton Mowbray or within a village that has a school, may have a minor positive effect (+?). • Sites that are in a village that does not have a school may have a negative effect (-?).
<p>3. To make efficient use</p>	<p>Will it utilise and enhance existing transport</p>	<p>How well connected housing sites are to services, facilities and employment opportunities by sustainable modes of transport will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of</p>

Headline SA objectives	Sub-questions	SA Assumptions
<p>of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>infrastructure? Will it help to develop a transport network that minimises the impact on the environment? Will it reduce journeys undertaken by car encouraging alternative modes of transport?</p>	<p>transport day to day. It is possible that new transport links such as bus routes or cycle paths may be provided as part of large-scale housing developments but this cannot be assumed.</p> <p>Melton Borough Council’s site assessment work has assessed public transport provision at each site option and this assessment work has directly informed the SA as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site options assessed as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) services and as being within 400m of a bus stop are likely to have a significant positive effect (++). • Site options assessed as having 1 to 2 hourly services and as being within 400m of a bus stop are likely to have a minor positive effect (+). • Site options assessed as having less than 2 hourly services / that are more than 400m from a bus stop are likely to have a negligible effect (0). • Site options assessed as having very infrequent public transport services or that are outside of 400m of a bus stop are likely to have a minor negative effect (-). • Site options assessed as having no public transport services are likely to have a significant negative effect (--).
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>Will it help to reduce commuting out of the Borough for employment? Will it add to the range of businesses in the Borough? Will it supplement the rural economy? Will it contribute to the number of jobs within the Borough? Will it increase jobs in the sectors that are currently underrepresented in the Borough?</p>	<p>While the population growth associated with new residential sites could have an effect on this objective by increasing the number of economically active people in the Borough who are seeking employment, this could be either positive or negative depending on the provision of jobs, which will not be determined by the location of new housing developments.</p> <p>However, the proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are within 600m of an existing employment site or Melton Mowbray town centre, and that have been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) sustainable transport services and are within 400m of a bus stop will have a significant positive (++) effect. • Sites that are within 600m of an existing employment site but that have been assessed by Melton Borough Council as not having frequent (less than 1 hourly) sustainable transport services and that are not within 400m of a bus stop, or sites that are further than 600m from an employment site or Melton Mowbray town centre, but which have been assessed by the Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) sustainable transport services and are within 400m of a bus stop are likely to have a minor

Headline SA objectives	Sub-questions	SA Assumptions
	<p>Will it encourage visitors to the Borough?</p> <p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p>	<p>positive effect (+).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are further than 600m from an existing employment site or Melton Mowbray town centre and that were assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly sustainable transport services and as being within 400m of a bus stop, or that were assessed by the Council as having less than 2 hourly services and as being more than 400m from a bus stop will have a minor negative (-) effect. Sites that are further than 600m from an existing employment site or Melton Mowbray town centre and that were assessed by the Council as having very infrequent public transport services or as being outside of 400m of a bus stop, or that were assessed by the Council as having no public transport service (- -) will have a significant negative (--) effect. <p>In addition, where development for housing could result in the loss of existing employment land within a site, a significant negative (--) effect is identified, which may result in a mixed effect overall.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	<p>Will it protect or foster the character of the local landscape?</p>	<p>There are no designated landscapes (National Parks or AONBs) within Melton Borough that could be affected by residential development.</p> <p>The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study⁷⁸ which is being produced by Influence Environmental Ltd. on behalf of Melton Borough Council includes an assessment of the sensitivity of areas of land around settlement fringes in the Borough, as well as an assessment of the Areas of Separation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are within an area classed as being of high or medium-high overall sensitivity to development could have a significant negative (--?) effect. Sites that are within an area classed as being of medium or medium-low overall sensitivity to development could have a minor negative (-?) effect. Sites that are within an area classed as being of low overall sensitivity to development could have a negligible (0?) effect. <p>In addition, where a site is within an Area of Separation, a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain (--?) depending on the design of the development.</p> <p>In all cases, the potential effects on the landscape are uncertain as they will depend on the design of the development and the incorporation of mitigation measures such as screening and the use of good design. It is also noted that where a very hard settlement edge currently exists, new development may offer the</p>

⁷⁸ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

Headline SA objectives	Sub-questions	SA Assumptions
		<p>potential to improve the character of the landscape at the settlement fringe.</p> <p>For sites that fall outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study, an uncertain effect (?) has been recorded, unless the site is within an Area of Separation in which case a potential significant negative effect (--?) is identified.</p>
<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	<p>Will it protect existing or facilitate new wildlife habitat?</p> <p>Will it protect or increase the amount of woodland?</p> <p>Will it protect or improve the condition of SSSIs and other sites of ecological interest?</p> <p>Will it protect or improve geodiversity in the Borough?</p>	<p>Housing sites that are within 250m of an international, national or local designated conservation site or a known biodiversity feature such as bat roosts or ████████ have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites/features, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if housing developments include green infrastructure. Therefore, while proximity to designated sites and known biodiversity features provides an indication of the potential for an adverse effect, uncertainty exists, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. In addition, the potential impacts on biodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are within 250m of one or more designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites or known biodiversity features may have a significant negative (--?) effect. • Sites that are between 250m and 1km of one or more designated sites biodiversity or geodiversity sites or known biodiversity features may have a minor negative (-?) effect. • Sites that are more than 1km from any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites or known biodiversity features could have a negligible (0?) effect.
<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	<p>Will it foster local distinctiveness of built form?</p> <p>Will it protect important architectural and archaeological assets?</p> <p>Will it protect or contribute to the appearance of the</p>	<p>The Council has undertaken site assessment work in relation to the residential site options being considered for allocations in the Melton Local Plan and this assessment work has directly informed the SA as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are assessed by the Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues are expected to have a negligible effect (0). • Sites that are assessed by the Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated are most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain (0?) • Sites that are assessed by the Council as having a potential adverse impact requiring mitigation could have a minor negative effect (-?).

Headline SA objectives	Sub-questions	SA Assumptions
	built form?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are the subject of a Historic England objection and where mitigation is unlikely could have a significant negative effect (--?). <p>In most cases, potential effects are uncertain as the potential for effects on cultural heritage assets will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features (e.g. where sympathetic development replaces a derelict brownfield site which is currently having an adverse effect).</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	<p>Will it make use of previously developed land?</p> <p>Will it minimise the loss of good agricultural land?</p> <p>Will it safeguard mineral deposits?</p>	<p>All housing development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction but this will not be influenced by the location of residential sites. The location of development sites can influence the efficient use of minerals by their proximity to Minerals Consultation Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the district. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are within 250m of a Minerals Consultation Area are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. Sites that are not within 250m of a Minerals Consultation Area would have a negligible (0) effect. <p>The location of residential development can also influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land also represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Therefore, in addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land which is classed as being of Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3a agricultural quality would have a significant negative (--) effect. Sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land which is classed as being of Grade 3 agricultural quality (but where it is not known if it is Grade 3a or 3b land) could have a significant negative effect although this is uncertain (--?). Sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3b, Grade 4, Grade 5 or urban land would have a minor negative (-) effect. Sites that are mainly (but not entirely) on brownfield land could have a minor positive (+?) effect although this is uncertain depending on the quality of land in the rest of the site. Sites that are entirely on brownfield land would have a significant positive (++) effect.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and	Will it improve access to cultural and recreational facilities?	The location of housing sites will not directly affect the number or range of services in a particular location (although a large scale housing development could potentially stimulate the provision of new services); however the location of housing sites could affect this objective by influencing people's ability to access

Headline SA objectives	Sub-questions	SA Assumptions
support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	<p>Will it enhance the provision of recreational and cultural facilities?</p> <p>Will it promote the participation in recreational and cultural activities?</p>	<p>existing services and facilities, including recreational and cultural facilities .</p> <p>Melton Borough Council has classified settlements within the Borough depending on the level of access to essential services (including public transport) that they provide. This information can therefore be used as the reference point for assessing the likely levels of access to services from a site, depending on what category of settlement it lies within.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are within Melton Mowbray or a Service Centre are likely to have a significant positive (++) effect. Sites that are within a Rural Hub are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. Sites that are within a Rural Settlement are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	<p>Will it enhance the provision of educational facilities?</p> <p>Will it promote participation in educational facilities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to the number and range of jobs within the Borough?</p> <p>Will it contribute to the stock of affordable housing in places where a need has been established?</p>	<p>The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. How well connected sites are to education facilities is assessed separately under SA objective 2 above. Access to jobs is also assessed separately under SA objective 4, and housing provision is assessed under SA objective 1. Therefore, the score for this SA objective is based on the scores identified for SA objectives 1, 2 and 4 above and may be mixed where both positive and negative effects have been identified for those objectives.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	<p>Will it contribute to the reduction in crime levels?</p> <p>Will it reduce people’s fear of crime?</p> <p>Will it reduce road traffic accidents?</p> <p>Will it improve the safety</p>	<p>The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible (0).</p>

Headline SA objectives	Sub-questions	SA Assumptions
	of pedestrians or cyclists?	
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it assist in maximising the use of recycled and secondary materials?</p>	<p>All new housing development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, but may also offer good opportunities for incorporating sustainable waste management practices, regardless of the location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be influenced by the location of residential site options, as the whole Borough is covered by kerbside recycling collections.</p> <p>Where housing development is proposed on brownfield land there may be opportunities for re-using existing buildings and materials although this is uncertain depending on the previous use of the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites on brownfield land may have a minor positive (+?) effect. Sites on greenfield land would have a minor negative (-) effect.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	<p>Will it provide the type of land and buildings of a type required by businesses?</p> <p>Will it improve the diversity of jobs available?</p> <p>Will it reduce traffic congestion in the Borough?</p>	<p>The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Issues associated with likely car use (and therefore the contribution of sites to traffic congestion in the Borough) are also addressed under SA objective 3. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible (0) effect on this SA objective.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	<p>Will it improve access to health facilities?</p> <p>Will it encourage a healthy life style e.g. a healthy diet and encourage physical activity?</p> <p>Will it improve human health?</p> <p>Will it increase, or enhance the opportunities for</p>	<p>Housing sites that are within walking distance (600m) of healthcare facilities (i.e. GP surgeries or hospitals), open spaces and footpaths and cycle routes will ensure that residents have good access to healthcare facilities and may encourage them to make more journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active outdoors in open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>If a housing site is within (or adjacent to) an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) there could be an impact on health, particularly if vehicle movements associated with the new development (including potentially HGVs) compound existing air quality problems. However, there are currently no AQMAs declared in Melton Borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are within 600m of a healthcare facility, an area of open space or sports facility and at least one PRoW/cycle path will have a significant positive (++) effect.

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	sporting recreational physical activity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are within Melton Mowbray or a village that has a GP practice, but that are not within 600m of the facility, and that are within 600m of an area of open space, sports facility or PRow/cycle path will have a minor positive (+) effect. Sites that are within a village where there is no GP practice but that are within 600m of an area of open space, sports facility or PRow/cycle path will have a negligible (0) effect. Sites in Melton Mowbray that are more than 600m from either a healthcare facility, an area of open space, sports facility or PRow/cycle paths, and sites that are within a village where there is no GP practice, and that are not within 600m of an area of open space, sports facility or PRow/cycle path will have a minor negative (-) effect. <p>In addition, which may result in mixed effects overall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that include any of the following: an area of open space, sports facility or PRow/cycle paths are likely to have a significant negative effect, although this effect would be uncertain (--?), as it cannot be known whether the recreation asset would be lost due to the development.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	<p>Will it reduce levels of air pollution?</p> <p>Will it improve energy efficiency?</p> <p>Will it promote renewable forms of energy?</p>	<p>While new housing development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from properties and the increased vehicle traffic associated with population growth), the location of individual housing sites will not have an effect on levels of domestic energy consumption and the potential for renewable energy use. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward.</p> <p>However, the proximity of the housing site options to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities (many of which are likely to be located in Melton Mowbray and other key centres), as well as proximity to public transport links, could affect levels of car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions and levels of air pollution.</p> <p>Melton Borough Council has classified settlements within the Borough depending on the level of access to essential services (including public transport links) that they provide. This information can therefore be used as a proxy for assessing the likely levels of car use by residents at a site as well as journey lengths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are within Melton Mowbray or a Service Centre are likely to have a significant positive (++) effect. Sites that are within a Rural Hub are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect.

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<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.</p>	<p>Will development be in an area at risk of flooding? Will it require mitigation to facilitate development? Will it increase the risk of flooding? Will the development tackle existing flooding issues?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are within a Rural Settlement are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high flood risk zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of Flood Zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in Flood Zone 3a and is unsuitable in Flood Zone 3b. Information about whether the site options are located within these Flood Zones has been taken from the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Addendum⁷⁹.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site options that were identified as being at least 5% within Flood Zone 3b would have a significant negative (--) effect. Site options that were identified as being at least 5% within Flood Zone 3a (but not within Flood Zone 3b) could have a significant negative effect although this is uncertain (--?). Site options that are entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (or that have less than 5% of their land area within those zones) and that are on greenfield land are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. Site options that are entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (or that have less than 5% of their land area within those zones) and that are on brownfield land are likely to have a negligible (0) effect. <p>While development in any location may offer good opportunities to incorporate SuDS and therefore have a positive effect on reducing flood risk, this would depend largely on the design of the proposed development and not on the location of the site. However, the SFRA includes an assessment of the feasibility of SuDS at the sites that are identified as being at least partly within high flood risk zones. Therefore in addition, for the sites within high flood risk zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site options where any of the types of SuDS assessed are considered to be possibly unsuitable (classed as 'red' in the SFRA) could have a significant negative (--) effect.
<p>17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water</p>	<p>Will it reduce levels of water pollution? Will it encourage efficient water consumption?</p>	<p>While it is recognised that residential development in any location may result in an increase in the consumption of water, the specific location of housing developments would not have a direct effect on levels of water consumption. This issue would instead be influenced by factors such as the behaviour of residents and how well water efficiency measures are incorporated into the development.</p> <p>The location of housing sites could affect water quality, depending on whether they are in an area where there is capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall</p>

⁷⁹ JBA Consulting (July 2016) Melton Borough Council: Level 1 and 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Addendum 2016.

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resources.		<p>scale of development proposed. This information is not yet available.</p> <p>There is one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in the Borough, in the centre of Melton Mowbray. Where site options are within that SPZ, a potential significant negative effect (--?) is identified. Where site options are not within the SPZ, effects are likely to be negligible (0).</p>

Appendix 6

Detailed SA matrices for the reasonable small-scale site options

Ab Kettleby Site Options

MBC/001/15: Land off A606 (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 41 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>Ab Kettleby Community Primary School is located 434m west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site, however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located within an area identified as having medium to high sensitivity to residential development. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	An area has been identified as containing [REDACTED] Brown's Hill and Mineral Line Local Wildlife Site is located 856m east of the site. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land quality; therefore a minor negative is effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on

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inclusion.		this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an open space, however there are a number of PRowS surrounding the site. There is a footpath from the southern site boundary that leads south towards Potter Hill Farm and another from the northern site boundary that leads towards Holwell. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There are also no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Ab Kettleby; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable some travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is outside of Flood Zone 3b and only a very small area of the site (1%) is within Flood Zone 3a. However, as the site is on greenfield land, a minor negative effect on flood risk is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/002/13: Land of Main Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 48 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>Ab Kettleby Community Primary School is located 62m north of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site, however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located within an area identified as having medium to high sensitivity to residential development. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	[REDACTED]. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, most of the site is Grade 3b and the other section is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use if the site includes Grade 3a land. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain at this stage.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an open space; however there are a number of PRoWs surrounding the site. There is a footpath 284m east of the site from Welby Lodge leading south. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There are also no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Ab Kettleby; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable some travel by alternative forms of transport with the

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emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b. However, as the site is on greenfield land, a minor negative effect on flood risk is identified.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

Asfordby Site Options

MBC/104/13: Fields South of Bypass and North of Regency Road, Asfordby (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 60 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.

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that people have access to education.		The site is located within 80m of Captain's Close Primary School which is to the south west. Therefore, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	There is an employment site located 300m south of the site. In addition, in the Council's site assessment work the site has shown the site as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and it is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸⁰ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation) but is not located within an Area Of Separation.

⁸⁰ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within 325m of a known bat roost (brown long-eared bat) which is to the south by Loughborough Road. [REDACTED] As such the relative proximity of the site to these features may result in disturbance or damage, for example as a result of habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain and will depend on the detailed development proposals for the site and the potential for mitigation such as the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is partially located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (the eastern part of the site falls outside of the area of land covered by this designation). The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also on greenfield and is located on Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within the northern edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both education (SA objective 2) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). Overall, a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not provide potential opportunities to re-use the existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspaces are located within 60m of the site to the south at Princess Ann Square and at Charnwood Avenue also to the south within 130m. A large park and children's playground are both located to the south east of the site within 220m and 260m respectively by Main Street. The site is also located within 170m of Asfordby Surgery which is to the south by Regency Road. A bridleway and footpath run along the eastern edge of the site and this may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site also contains a footpath which connects Bypass Road to Regency Road and development at this site may result in a partial loss of or disruption to this route. As such an overall mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is to the south of Bypass Road within the northern edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people travel by sustainable modes of transport and therefore reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is mainly outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (4% of the site is within Flood Zone 3b and 1% is within Flood Zone 3a) but the site is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: social inclusion and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/108/13: Paddocks west of Saxelby Road and south of Loughborough Road, Asfordby (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 21 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 65m of Captain's Close Primary School which is to the south. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸¹ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation) but is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within 235m of a bat roost (Pipistrelle) which is to the south by Loughborough Road. As such the proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also on greenfield and is located on Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and	++	The site is on the edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

⁸¹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing and access to employment opportunities that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A cemetery is located within 85m of the site to the south west at Loughborough Road. An allotment is also located on Loughborough Road within 200m of the site to the south west. Also on Loughborough Road within 190m of the site to the south is an amenity greenspace. The site is located within 570m of Asfordby Surgery which is to the south east by Regency Road. A footpath is located within 290m of the site to the north by Saxelby Road and this may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site also contains a bridleway and development at this site may result in a partial loss of this route. As such an overall mixed effect (minor positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is on the edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/106/13: Land East of Station Lane and South of Klondyke Way, Asfordby (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 100 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 475m of Captain's Close Primary School which is to the north. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain</p>

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		depending on capacity.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having less than 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site is not expected to have a notable impact on reducing the amount of journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	There is an existing employment site located 600m east of the site. In addition, in the Council's site assessment work the site was assessed as having less than 2 hourly public transport services nearby / being located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such given, that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Asfordby and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Asfordby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸² commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development because of the floodplain landscape as well as the historic landscape patterns which have been identified in the sensitivity work. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There are no designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites within 1km of this site; however; the site is located within 125m of a bat roost (Pipistrelle) which is to the north west by Debdale Place. As such the proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

⁸² Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land to the west and Grade 3 Agricultural Land to the east (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. Considering that a large area of Grade 2 Agricultural Land would be lost if this area was to be developed, an overall significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is on the edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective 2) and housing (SA objective 1) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A cemetery is located within 110m of the site to the north at Chadwell Close. An amenity greenspace and a children's playground are both located by Hoby Road to the north west of the site within 230m. A footpath is located within 160m of the site to the north by Station Road and this may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m) however Asfordby Surgery is located within the same village as the site on Regency Road and as such access to this facility is considered to be reasonable. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is on the edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b. However, as the site is on greenfield land, a minor negative effect on flood risk is identified.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/001/16: Land to the north of bypass, Asfordby (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 281 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 340m of Captains Close Primary School to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and as being located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. An employment site is located 355m south of the site and the site has less than 2 hourly public transport services/is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and	--?	The site is located towards the north of Asfordby and has been identified as being within the LCZ1: Asfordby North in the

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the rolling topography open character of the slopes that encompasses the settlement and general lack of settlement influence in this area. The eastern part of the site is located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	[REDACTED] In addition, there is a Local Wildlife Site (Welby Mine Site and Stream cLWS) approximately 245m to the east and another Local Wildlife Site (Asfordby Hill) approximately 600m to the east. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The eastern and western sides of the site are located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) with a relatively small part of the northern and eastern side of the site boundary identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (objective 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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inclusion.		
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located 220m away from Asfordby Surgery to the south. Golden Jubilee Park Play Area is located 111m away and another 236m (Melton Road Play Area) away from site. A football pitch is located within 690m to the east of the site and there is a bowling green approximately 930m to the north east. In addition there is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace approximately 635m to the south and several areas of amenity greenspace within 600m to the south of the site. A footpath and a bridleway both pass through the site running from the north to the south of the site towards central Asfordby. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However this use may be lost if development was to proceed at this location. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located in Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (7%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use, 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/040/16: Land between Station Road and Hoby Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 58 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 555m of Captains Close Primary School to the north east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the western edge of Asfordby and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Asfordby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the characteristics of the floodplain landscape and historic landscape patterns. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Asfordby Amateur Sports Club's hedgerow is a candidate Local Wildlife Site located directly adjacent from the north western corner of the site. Wreake Plain Floodplain is another potential Local Wildlife Site located 695m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified

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maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		as Grade 2 Agricultural Land and a small section along the southern border has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and an overall significant negative effect is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Asfordby Sports and Social Club (contains AGP, football pitch and golf course) is located 200m west of the site. There is an area of open space within 145m north east of the site on Glendon Close which has an amenity greenspace feature

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prolong life.		and a childrens play area. There are allotments located 236m north east of the site on Hoby Road and another amenity greenspace feature located 310m east of the site on Chadwell Close. There is a bridleway along the western site boundary leading south towards Frisby on the Wreake. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a health facility within walking distance (600m) of the site but the village of Asfordby does have a GP surgery. As such an overall minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located in Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (5%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/105/13: Field West of Hoby Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 25 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	<p>++?</p>	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 170m from Captains Close Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>The site is located towards the west of Asfordby and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Asfordby West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to low sensitivity to residential development due to the exposed settlement edge which affords a degree of enhancement potential, the eroded simple landscape pattern and the 'edge' influenced landscape character. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	[REDACTED] In addition, there is a Local Wildlife Site (Asfordby Amateur Sports Club cLWS) approximately 250m to the south and another Local Wildlife Site approximately 940m to the south east (Wreake Floodplain Wetland pLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land and is identified as primarily Grade 2 Agricultural Quality (less than half of the west side of the site is identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality). Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and a significant negative effect is likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (objective 4). As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Asfordby Sports and Social Club is located within 400m to the south of the site. In addition there are several areas of amenity greenspace within 400m to the south east of the site. Hoby Road Allotments are located 91m east of the site and Glendon Close Play Area is located 188m from the site. There is a bridleway 46m away from the north east side of the site which follows the north edge of the Asfordby urban area. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility, however the village of Asfordby does have a surgery located 900m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/107/13: Open land adjoining Saxelby Road, north of bypass, Asfordby (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 148 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 174m from Captains Close Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an employment site located 464m south east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the west of Asfordby and has been identified as being within the LCZ1: Asfordby North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the rolling topography, open character of the slopes that encompasses the settlement and general lack of settlement influence in this area.. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Asfordby Amateur Sports Club (cLWS) is located 250m south west of the site and has been identified as a Local Wildlife Site. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land and is identified as primarily Grade 2 Agricultural Quality (although a third of the west side of the site is identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Quality). Development at this location would therefore result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and a significant negative effect is likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are three amenity green space features within a 350m proximity to the site. Asfordby Sports and Social Club is located 400m away from the site. Hoby Road Allotments are located 486m south west of the site. There is a bridleway 50m to the site and a footpath 275m from the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare facility (600m) however the village of Asfordby does have a healthcare facility. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

Asfordby Hill Site Options

MBC/149b/14: Land to the east of Welby Road (4ha), Asfordby Hill (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 75 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 155m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The site is located within 175m of an existing employment site on Welby Road and has also been assessed by the Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Asfordby Hill Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸³ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the medium scale of the landscape and the variable landscape intactness and condition. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 180m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north west. As such the proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

⁸³ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within 180m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which has been identified to the south east. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land and development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost. Considering that a large area of Grade 2 Agricultural Land would be lost if this area was to be developed, an overall significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is on the eastern edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both education (SA objective 2) and access employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of

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infrastructure to enable economic growth.		a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The nearest amenity greenspace to the site is located on Welby Road to the west within 100m. Further amenity greenspace and a children's playground are both located by Melton Road to the south west of the site within 205m. A bowling green is located within 340m of the site to the north west by Welby Road. A footpath is located within 140m of the site to the west and this may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m) and the village of Ashfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is on eastern edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/113/13: Land off Stanton Road, Stanton Road, Asfordby Hill (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.		housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 47 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 245m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the north east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 395m of an existing employment site to the west of Welby Road and has also been assessed by the Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and	-?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Asfordby Hill South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸⁴

⁸⁴ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development. In this area the riverine landscape forms an area sensitive to development but this is offset by more eroded valley side landscape pattern with the valley crests displaying settlement edge influences. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 510m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within 220m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which has been identified to the south. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is on south eastern edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as accessibility to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
		provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace and a children's playground are both located by Melton Road to the north of the site within 190m. Football pitches are provided within 230m of the site to the north on Melton Road. A footpath is located within 220m of the site to the north also by Melton Road and this may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m) and the village of Ashfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is on the eastern edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/073/13: Land to the west of Houghton Close and south of the A6006, Asfordby Hill (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 18 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 325m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The site is located within 180m of an employment site to the north east and has also been assessed by the Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Asfordby Hill South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸⁵ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development. In this area the riverine landscape forms an area sensitive to development but this is offset by more eroded valley side landscape pattern with the valley crests displaying settlement edge influences. The site is not with an Area of Separation. Overall a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 355m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north east. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	--?	The site is located within 95m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which has been identified to the west. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located mostly

⁸⁵ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		on greenfield land (a small part of the site to the south has previously been developed) which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is on the western edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both education (SA objective 2) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site to the south east appears to have been previously developed) and therefore would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Football pitches are provided within 140m of the site to the east on Melton Road. An amenity greenspace and a children's playground are

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
prolong life.		both located at the junction of Welby Land and Melton Road to the west of the site within 305m. A footpath is located within 240m of the site to the east by Melton Road and this may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m) and the village of Ashfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is on the western edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on mainly greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/112/13: Land off Houghton Close, Glebe Road, Asfordby Hill (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 260m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the north east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The site is located within 290m of an existing employment site to the north of Melton Road and to the west of Welby Road and has also been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Asfordby Hill South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸⁶ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development. In this area the riverine landscape forms an area sensitive to development but this is offset by more eroded valley side landscape pattern with the valley crests displaying settlement edge influences. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective given the area's medium sensitivity to residential development. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.

⁸⁶ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 425m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north east. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within 190m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which has been identified to the west. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is on the south western edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both education (SA objective 2) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Football pitches are provided within 125m of the site to the north on Melton Road. An amenity greenspace and a children's playground are both located at Melton Road to the north east of the site within 270m. A footpath is located within 170m of the site to the north east by Melton Road and this may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m) and the village of Ashfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is on the south western edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/111/13: West Side, Asfordby Hill (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 6 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 135m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the south east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation,	++	The site is located within 95m of an existing employment site to the west and has also been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a significant positive effect is expected on

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promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the north western edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 1: Asfordby Hill North / Holwell Works in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸⁷ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to low sensitivity to residential development. The landscape sensitivity of this area is increased by the sense of detachment from the nearby settlement however the interrupted pattern and partly enclosed visual character reduces sensitivity. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective given the area's medium to low sensitivity to residential development. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 50m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north. As such the close proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within 385m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which has been identified to the west. The site is located far enough away from this Mineral Consultation Area that it should not influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified overall although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community	+	The site is on the northern edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

⁸⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both education (SA objective 2) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace is located between Welby Road and West Side to the east of the site within 40m. Football pitches are provided to the south west of the site within 140m of the site at Melton Road. A footpath is located to the south side of the site and this connects to Melton Road. This route may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m) and the village of Ashfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and	+	The site is on the northern edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/004/15: Land off Crompton Road/Main Street, Asfordby Hill (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 45m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the north. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The site is located within 270m of an existing employment site to the north west and has been identified in the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸⁸ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation) but is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 290m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

⁸⁸ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The site is located within 435m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area to the west. The site is located far enough away from this Mineral Consultation Area that it should not influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective in relation to minerals. The development of housing in this area would make use of mostly brownfield land, meaning that land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall. This positive effect is uncertain given that an amount of greenfield land may also be developed also.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both education (SA objective 2) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on greenfield land to the west while a car park has been developed to the east. As the site would make use of a large area of previously developed brownfield land a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact nature of the materials currently onsite are unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health	0/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new

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inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity green space is located to the east of the site within 35m. Football pitches are provided to the north west of the site within 135m of the site at Melton Road. A footpath is located to the north east of the site within 50m at Melton Road and this route may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m) and the village of Ashfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Additionally the site contains a children's playground and this use may be lost if development was to proceed at this location. Overall a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is within Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation. There were no potential significant negative effects identified in relation to any of the SA objectives.

Bottesford Site Options

MBC/057/13: Land at Rectory Farm, Bottesford (part allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the

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housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.		proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 280 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 540m of Bottesford Church of England Primary School which is to the south. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 210m of an existing employment site to the south west and has been assessed by the Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and	--?	The site is located towards the north western edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 1: Bottesford Central in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁸⁹

⁸⁹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development given its small scale character and the presence of intact historic landscape elements. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present and it is noted that the site is separated from much of the LCZ by a disused railway embankment. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within 155m of an identified bat roost to the south. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on heritage assets requiring mitigation; therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both housing SA (objective 1) and education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the high level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the close proximity to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the

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safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.		incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site to the south has previously been developed) and therefore development at this location be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 140m of allotments on Pinfold Lane and within 70m of an amenity greenspace on Chapel Street. Footpaths are located to the south of the site by River Close and Pinfold Lane and these routes may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is located within 150m of Bottesford Surgery which is to the south on Walford Close. The site contains a footpath however and this use may be partially lost if residential development was to proceed at this location. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	13% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 7% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk is likely. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/012/13: Land East of Belvoir Road, Bottesford (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 380 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 250m and 275m of Belvoir High School and Bottesford Church of England Primary School respectively. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The closest existing employment site to this residential site is on Barkestone Lane within 890m to the south west; however this is not considered to be within walking distance (600m). The site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes, however, as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹⁰ commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development given its intimate/small scale character and largely intact landscape patterns. The site is also partially located within the Area of Separation which is located to the south east of Bottesford between Bottesford and Easthorpe. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study includes some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects, including that development should seek to achieve a gradation of development density to the outer edges, linked with new green space provision. Lit development edges should be avoided to assist with conservation of dark night skies/avoidance of sky glow and perception of further urbanising influences.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 100m of two potential Local Wildlife Sites which have been identified due to the presence of mature ash trees to the north. A further potential Local Wildlife Site has been identified to the south east within 125m on the other side of the A52. As such the close proximity of the site to these potential designations may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

⁹⁰ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and education (SA objective 2). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect is expected on this SA objective (significant positive/minor negative) given the high level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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materials.		
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 75m of a children's playground to the north and within 95m of an amenity greenspace to the north west. Cricket pitches are located to the west of the site by Belvoir Road. A footpath which links Barkestone Lane and Silverwood Road is located within 160m of the site to the west and this route may encourage journeys on foot or by bicycle. The site is located within 410m of Bottesford Surgery which is to the north west on Walford Close. The site contains a footpath however and this use may be partially lost if residential development was to proceed at this location. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	5% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 15% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk is likely. In addition, the SFRA found that one of the types of SuDS assessed (infiltration) is possibly unsuitable at this site due to mapping suggesting that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding at this location.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although in relation to SA objectives 10 and 14 this is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land and minerals and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be		

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considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/181/15: Land off Normanton Lane, Bottesford (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 18 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school however the village (Bottesford) in which the site is located has two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the	+	The site is located directly adjacent to an existing employment site. The site also provides fairly good access to the public transport system as it has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the north western edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 1: Bottesford Central in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹¹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development given its small scale character and the presence of intact historic landscape elements. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within 335m of an identified bat roost at St Mary's Church to the south east. As such the relative proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?/-	The site is located on land which has been designated as a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is expected. However, the site is located on mostly brownfield land and as such a minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective given that development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain as the site contains a small amount of greenfield land to the west. As such an overall mixed effect (uncertain minor positive/minor negative) is likely on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2), access to employment

⁹¹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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secure economic inclusion.		opportunities (SA objective 4) and housing (SA objective 1). Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relative proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on mostly brownfield land which appears to be used a car park and a waste or recycling site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given that development of this site will involve the re-use of previously developed land and potentially materials that already at this location. The effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact nature of the materials currently onsite is unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 370m of the cemetery that is located by St. Mary the Virgin Church. Amenity greenspace is located within 350m of the site by Church View. The site is located within 450m of Bottesford Surgery which is to the south on Walford Close. The site is located within 175m of a footpath which may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.

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within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 9: social inclusion and 14: health. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 5: landscape. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/011/15: Land off Grantham Road, Bottesford (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 37 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school however the village (Bottesford) in which the site is located has two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Bottesford Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹² commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development given contained visual character with a small scale intact landscape pattern to the south. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within 435m of an identified bat roost on Rutland Lane to the west. As such the relative proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade

⁹² Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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		3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2), access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and housing (SA objective 1). Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relative proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 290m of the Easthorpe Road Allotments to the west. Amenity greenspace is located within 445m of the site by Rutland Way to the west. The site is also adjacent to a footpath which runs to the north of Grantham Road; this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within Bottesford which contains a GP surgery on Walford Close and although the site is not located within walking distance (600m) of this

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		facility given that it is located within the same village reasonable access is expected to be provided. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	14% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 20% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk is likely. In addition, the SFRA found that one of the types of SuDS assessed (infiltration) is possibly unsuitable at this site due to mapping suggesting that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding at this location, as well as the presence of historic landfill within the site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 9: social inclusion. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/010/15: Land Adjacent 8 Easthorpe Road, Bottesford (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 38 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 580m of Bottesford Church of England Primary School to the south west. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	There is an existing employment site located 455m north west of the site. In addition, the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located on greenfield land and lies within LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast as identified in the Area of Separation Study commissioned by the Council. This area is considered to have high sensitivity to development by virtue of its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. In addition, the site falls within the Area of Separation which has been identified to prevent coalescence between the hamlet of Easthorpe and Bottesford to the north west. As such development at this location will contribute to this coalescence and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain depending on the design of the development.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within 50m of an identified bat roost on Rutland Lane to the north. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace is located within 100m of the site by Rutland Lane to the north. Two children's playgrounds, amenity greenspace and an allotment are located on the other side of Grantham Road to the north within 190m. A footpath is located at the south western corner of the site and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 470m of Bottesford Surgery which is to the west on Walford Close. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/076/13: Land Adjacent 17 Easthorpe Road, Bottesford (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 114 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 775m of Bottesford Church of England Primary School to the south west, however this is not considered to be within walking distance of the site (600m). The site is located within a village (Bottesford) which does have two schools however; Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	+	There is an existing employment site located 560m north west of the site. In addition, the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site is located within close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹³ commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development given its intimate/small scale character and largely intact landscape patterns. The site is also partially located within the Area of Separation which is located to the south east of Bottesford between Bottesford and Easthorpe and development at this location maybe contribute to coalescence of these two settlements. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study includes some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects, including that development should seek to achieve a gradation of development density to the outer edges, linked with new green space provision. Lit development edges should be avoided to assist with the conservation of dark night skies/avoidance of sky glow and perception of further urbanising influences.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 40m of a potential Local Wildlife Site which has been identified to the west on Easthorpe Road. As such the close proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	The site is the subject of a Historic England objection and mitigation is unlikely; therefore a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend to some extent on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.

⁹³ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). The site has also been given a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2), and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the potential to provide a high level of new housing at this site in particular but also considering the close proximity of the site to education facilities as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Allotments are located to the north of the site within 25m. Amenity greenspace is located within 105m of the site by Rutland Lane to the north west. Two children's playgrounds, amenity greenspace and an allotment are located on the other side of Grantham Road also the north west within 250m. A footpath is located to the south west of the site within 160m and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located within walking distance

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		(600m) of a GP however a healthcare facility is provided within the village at Bottesford Surgery which is on Walford Close. The site contains a footpath which runs from Manor Road in the north west and development at this location may result in a loss of this use. Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is on Easthorpe Road towards the eastern edge of Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	7% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 9% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk is likely. In addition, the SFRA found that one of the types of SuDS assessed (infiltration) is possibly unsuitable at this site due to mapping suggesting that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding at this location.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 9: social inclusion. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 7: historic environment, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/013/16: Land rear of Daybells Farm, Grantham Road (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning,	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how

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enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within close proximity of two schools. Bottesford Church of England Primary School is located 420m from the site and Belvoir High School and Melton Vale Post 16 Centre is located 540m from the site. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an employment site located 372m north of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is also located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located nearby four Local Wildlife Sites (Dead Ash and Mature Ash present) 50m south east of the site. Another large Local Wildlife Site is Six Fields (pLWS) located 630m south west of the site. [REDACTED]. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and a significant negative effect is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located 250m away from the north east of the site. There are a number of amenity green space features within walking distance (600m) to the site. One of those features is located in the centre of the site (open space to rear of Bottesford Village Hall) and another located 50m south (Bottesford Village Hall Green). Bottesford Village Hall Play Area is located 29m from the site. Grantham Road Allotments are located 221m north east of the site. Station Road Meadow is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 410m north of the site. Bottesford Cricket and Social Club is located 150m south west of the site and there is a football pitch on Belvoir Road 250m away. There is a footpath that follows the east and south site boundary. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However this use may be lost if development was to proceed at this location. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3b and 4% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 14: health (although this score is part of mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/008/13: Land off Barkestone lane (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 80 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within close proximity of two schools towards the north east of the site. Bottesford Church of England Primary School is located 230m from the site and Belvoir High School and Melton Vale Post 16 Centre is located 96m from the site. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has less than 2 hourly public transport services/is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ1: Bottesford Central in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due the small scale character and presence of important and relatively intact historic landscape elements such as ridge and furrow field systems. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located on Six Fields (pLWS) which is a potential Local Wildlife Site and Mature Ash is identified 10m north east of the site boundary which is also a potential Local Wildlife Site. In addition, Grantham Canal (a Local Wildlife Site) located 950m south east of the site. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as primarily Grade 2 Agricultural Land (although a small section following the southern boundary of the site is identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land). Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost and a significant negative effect is likely.
9. To promote social	++	The site is on the edge of Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such

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inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located 600m away from the site. There is an amenity green space feature (Belvoir Road) 380m from the site and another (Bottesford Village Hall Field) 575m away. There are a number of sports facilities within close proximity. Belvoir High School cricket and football pitch are located 120m north east of the site and a bowling green 390m from the site. There are no allotments and childrens play areas within walking distance (600m) of the site. There is a footpath from the south east boundary of the site which leads to the settlement area of Bottesford. This route may

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		encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	8% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 73% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk is likely. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/009/13: Land west of Castle View Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 33 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and	+?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects

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<p>innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>		<p>will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school however the village in which the site is located in (Bottesford) has two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	0	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has less than 2 hourly public transport services / is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--?	<p>The site is located in Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located 166m north from a potential Local Wildlife Site (Castlevew Road Pond cLWS). In addition another potential Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of Mature Ash and Mature Horse Chestnut is located within proximity of 450m away from the site. As such the close proximity of the site these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as primarily Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost and a significant negative effect is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Easthorpe Road Allotments are located 540m away and Bottesford Village Hall Play Area is 580m from the site. There is a footpath 40m from the south of the site which leads to the centre of Bottesford. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there are no sports facilities and healthcare facilities within walking distance (600m) from the site but the village of Bottesford does contain a healthcare facility. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (16%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. In addition, the SFRA found that one of the types of SuDS assessed (infiltration) is possibly unsuitable at this site due to mapping suggesting that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding at this location.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 9: social inclusion. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/142/13: Land Adj. to 18 Grantham Road (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 19 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of two schools Bottesford Church of England Primary School (464m from site) and Belvoir High School (573m from site). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 390m north of the site and the

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Along the outside southern boundary of the site there are two potential Local Wildlife Sites due to the presence of Dead Ash pLWS and Mature Ash pLWS. Another relatively large Local Wildlife Site nearby is Six Fields (pLWS) located 657m south west of the site. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost and a significant negative effect is likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located 350m away from the north east of the site. Amenity greenspace features are located within 25m west to the site (open space rear of Bottesford Village Hall) and 88m south west to the site (Bottesford Village Hall Field). Station Road Meadow is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 360m north of the site. Bottesford Bottesford Village Hall Field Play Area is located 33m south west of the site and Grantham Road Allotments are located 150m north east of the site. Cricket and Social Club is located 190m south west of the site and there is a football pitch on Belvoir Road 300m away. There is a footpath that follows the west and south site boundary. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However this use may be lost if development was to proceed at this location. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (3% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/143/13: Land rear of 47-49 High Street, Bottesford (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 4 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 250m of Bottesford Church of England Primary School to the south. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this</p>

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		development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site was assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 420m north east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located nearby a Local Wildlife Site (Six Fields pLWS) which is 425m south of the site. Another potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford Triangle) is located 560m from the site [REDACTED]. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.

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heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which has been designated as a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is expected. The site is located mainly on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. However, a third of the site has been developed therefore is classed as brownfield land. Development at this site would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in a significant negative effect. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain as the northern section of the site is classed as brownfield land.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on mainly greenfield land however due to the presence of development the site has been classed as brownfield land. Therefore the location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact nature of the materials currently onsite is unknown.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located 143m away from the north east of the site. There is an amenity greenspace feature (The Square) located 240m north east to the site and another 345m south east to the site on Belvoir Road. Bottesford Village Hall Field Play Area is located 470m from the site and Pinfold Lane Allotments are located 225m from the site. Bottesford FC Football Pitch is located 240m east of the site and there is a football pitch on Belvoir Road 300m away and Bottesford Cricket and Social Club is 360m south east from the site. There is a footpath 160m north of the site that leads to River Devon. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	5% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 20% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk is likely. In addition, the SFRA found that one of the types of SuDS assessed (infiltration) is possibly unsuitable at this site due to mapping suggesting that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding at this location.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/152/15: Land at Bottom of Beacon Hill, Normanton Lane, Bottesford (part allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 84 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the village of Bottesford in which the site is located in has two schools: Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site.</p> <p>There is an existing employment site located 83m west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation,

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located 36m from a potential Local Wildlife Site to the east (Bottesford, Trackside Verge) and there is another (Bottesford Triangle) 770m east of the site. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	Approximately half of the site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1), as well as education facilities and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4). As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the

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safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.		incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located 590m away from the south west of the site. There is an amenity green space feature (The Square) located 470m south west of the site and another 325m south of the site (Grantham Road Recreation Area). Station Road Meadow, an area of natural/semi natural green space, is located 127m south of the site. Grantham Road Allotments are located 322m south of the site and Grantham Road Skate Park is 350m from site. There is a bridleway following the outside edge of the eastern site boundary that leads to Beacon Hill and a footpath 65m south of the site that leads to River Devon. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/156/15: Land off Nottingham Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 287 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the village of Bottesford in which the site is located in has two schools: Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 127m north of the site; however the site has less than 2 hourly public transport services/is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ4: Bottesford West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to low sensitivity to residential development due to the existing exposed settlement edge which affords a degree of enhancement potential, the eroded, simple landscape pattern and the partly eroded/'edge' influenced perceptual landscape character. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located nearby a Local Wildlife Site (Six Fields pLWS) which is 185m east of the site. Another potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford Triangle) is located 545m from the site. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which has been designated as a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is expected. The site is located mainly on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. However, a third of the south of the site has been identified as Grade 3a/3b Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and a potential significant negative effect is identified overall although

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		this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is on the edge of Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and minor positive scores in relation to education facilities and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace features are within a 750m proximity to the site and Bottesford FC football pitch is 167m north east of the site. Pinfold Lane Allotments are located 432m from site. In addition, there is a footpath 65m from the western side of the site boundary that starts from Nottingham Road and another 550m east from site which follows Winter Beck. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there is not a healthcare facility within

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		walking distance (600m) but the village of Bottesford does have a GP practice. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	6% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 44% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk is likely. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/166/15: Land South of Grantham Road (part allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 65 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring	+?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.

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that people have access to education.		The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the village of Bottesford in which the site is located in has two schools: Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services although it is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Bottesford Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due small scale intact landscape pattern to the south, offset by the settlement edge influences to the north, as well as the contained visual character. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There is a potential Local Wildlife Site (due to the presence of Mature Horse Chestnut pLWS) 585m east of the site and another 665m north east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to the level of housing that the site may provide (SA objective 1) and a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective in relation to housing in particular as well as the close proximity to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of surrounding amenity greenspace features with the closest being 657m from site (Grantham Road Village Green). There is a footpath from Grantham Road which is 140m from the site and another 270m west of the site that leads to Easthorpe Road. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) but the village of Bottesford does have a GP practice. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (6%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. In addition, the SFRA found that one of the types of SuDS assessed (infiltration) is possibly unsuitable at this site due to mapping suggesting that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding at this location.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

Croxton Kerrial Site Options

MBC/080/13: Lings View Farm, Middle Street, Croxton Kerrial (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 140m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹⁴ because it is within the built form of the settlement and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation) but is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 200m of a bat roost which has been identified at St John the Baptist's Church to the north west. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	Melton Borough Council's assessment of this site shows that it lies in an important area of open space critical to the Conservation Area; therefore a potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is expected.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land and development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. An overall significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and

⁹⁴ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the west of the site within 55m by Middle Street. To the north of the site within 220m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the north of the site within 165m and this runs from Church Lane to the north east; this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 220m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the south west on Main Street. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and

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efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/079/13: Land west of Saltby Road & east of Highfields Farm, Croxton Kerrial (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 36 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 195m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the north west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is</p>

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<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	++	<p>uncertain depending on capacity.</p> <p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help with reducing journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	+	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--?	<p>The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Croxton Kerrial Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study⁹⁵ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to small scale, intimate fieldscapes. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is also noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study includes some design guidance for the landscape character zone that this site lies within, which includes a statement that any development coming forward in the landscape character zone would be best contained to the southern extension of the village, within the small scale field pattern adjacent to the existing edge – this is where this site is located. The design guidance also states that the existing southern settlement edge has a loose form that is relatively prominent in views from the southern village approach due to the gently rising landform, and that any development coming forward on this edge should have regard for this existing edge character and should be appropriately designed to sit within the landform without dominating views. This should be taken into account in any development proposals, and may help to mitigate impacts on the landscape. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.</p>

⁹⁵ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 390m of Croxton Kerrial Roadside Verge Nature Reserve which has been designated as a Local Wildlife Site to the south east. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north of the site within 235m by Middle Street. Further to the north of the site within 490m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the north west of the site within 45m and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 195m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the west on Main Street. The site also contains part of a footpath however and development at this location may result in a loss of this use. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/095/13: Land to the east of Saltby Road and south of A607, Croxton Kerrial (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 295m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help in reducing journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Croxton Kerrial Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹⁶ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to its lower elevation and the relative simplicity of the landscape character displayed. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 385m of a bat roost which has been identified at St John the Baptist's Church to the north west. The site is also located within 390m of Croxton Kerrial Churchyard which has been identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site. As such the relative proximity of the site to this feature and designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

⁹⁶ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small portion of the site to the north west has previously been developed) and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north west of the site within 235m by Middle Street. Further to the north west of the site within 400m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the south west of the site within 155m and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 345m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the west on Main Street. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas	++	The site is located on Saltby Road within the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may

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emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/096/13: Land south of Main Street (A607) and west of The Nook, Croxton Kerrial (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 47 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 125m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the north east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help in reducing journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However the site has been assessed by the Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Croxton Kerrial Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹⁷ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to small scale, intimate fieldscapes. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located on land which contains a potential Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of a mature ash trees. As such given that this potential designation is within the boundaries of the site and considering that development may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

⁹⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small portion of the site to the north east is used to accommodate parking from the doctor's surgery located on the other side of The Nook) and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north east of the site within 245m by Middle Street. Further to the north east of the site within 490m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the north of the site within 25m by Main Street and a byway is located to the east of the site within 5m; these routes may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 35m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the east on Main Street. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located at the intersection of Main Street and The Nook within the western edge of Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/092/13: Farm (Church Farm) to the west of Middle Road, Croxton Kerrial (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 48 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 240m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the south. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, locating residential development at this site may help in reducing journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However the site has been assessed by the Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation,

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹⁸ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely compared to new development on greenfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 50m of a bat roost which has been identified at St John the Baptist's Church to the east. The site is also located within 80m of Croxton Kerrial Churchyard which has been identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site. As such the close proximity of the site to this potential designation and feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	The site is the subject of a Historic England objection and mitigation is unlikely; therefore a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend to some extent on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?/-	The site is located on land which has been designated as a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is located mostly on brownfield land (only a small part of the site to the north has not previously been developed). Given that the development of this site would not result in a significant loss of agricultural land a minor but uncertain positive effect is also expected on this SA objective. As such an overall mixed effect (uncertain minor positive/ minor negative) is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is identified as being located on brownfield land given that a farm and its associated buildings are currently present at this location. Development on this brownfield site will result in the reuse of previously developed land and may involve the reuse of existing buildings and materials already onsite; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact details of the materials currently onsite are unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the south of the site within 165m by Middle Street. To the east of the site within 50m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the west of the site which connects to Chapel Lane and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 325m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the south on Main Street. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located at the intersection of Middle Street and Chapel Lane within the western edge of Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 7: historic environment. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

Easthorpe Site Options

MBC/077/13: Land east of Castle View Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 24 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school as the nearest to the site is located in the adjoining village of Bottesford. The adjoining village has two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has less than 2 hourly public transport services/is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Easthorpe and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is not entirely within an Area of Separation; however a relatively small section of the north of the site is within one. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There is a candidate Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Castle View Road Pond) located 315m to the south west of the site and another (Mature Ash and Mature Horse Chestnut) within 720m to the north west of the site. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral	--	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may

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resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation and a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and an overall significant negative effect is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an area of open space. However there are a number of PROWs surrounding the site, as there is a footpath 250m south west of the site leading towards Bottesford. This may encourage residents to walk more day to day. The site is also not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility and the village of Easthorpe does not have a GP practice; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (6%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. In addition, the SFRA found that one of the types of SuDS assessed (infiltration) is possibly unsuitable at this site due to mapping suggesting that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding at this location.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: There were no potential significant positive effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/026/16: South of Vale End House (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 52 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	+?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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<p>culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school as the nearest to the site is 750m away in adjoining village of Bottesford. The adjoining village has two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	0	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has less than 2 hourly public transport services/is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--?	<p>The site is located in Easthorpe and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is not within an Area of Separation however a relatively small section of the north of the site is within it. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is a potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Castle View Road Pond cLWS) 195m south of the site and another due to the presence of Mature Ash and Mature Horse Chestnut Plws within proximity of 325m from the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and an overall significant negative effect is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within a 515m proximity north west of the site, the closest being 490m away (Bottesford Village Hall Field). Easthorpe Road Allotments are located 490m north of the site and a childrens play area is located 435m away (Bottesford Village Hall Play Area). A football pitch on Belvoir Road and Bottesford Cricket and Social Club which includes a bowling green and cricket pitch are located within walking distance (600m) to the site. There is a footpath on the southern site boundary which leads to Bottesford. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility and the village of Easthorpe does not have a GP practice, however the adjoining village of Bottesford does have a facility located 810m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (5%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. In addition, the SFRA found that one of the types of SuDS assessed (infiltration) is possibly unsuitable at this site due to mapping suggesting that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding at this location.

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17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: There were no potential significant positive effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/027/16: Land west of Green Lane (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 12 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school as the nearest to the site is 670m away in adjoining village of Bottesford. The adjoining village has two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has less than 2 hourly public transport services/is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Easthorpe and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present and it is noted that the site is an enclosed private garden.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is a potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Castle View Road Pond cLWS) 423m south of the site and another due to the presence of Mature Ash and Mature Horse Chestnut Plws within proximity of 190m from the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and an overall significant negative effect is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within a 470m proximity north west of the site, the closest being 390m away (Bottesford Village Hall Field). Easthorpe Road Allotments are located 315m north of the site and a childrens play area is located 360m away (Bottesford Village Hall Play Area). A football pitch on Belvoir Road and Bottesford Cricket and Social Club which includes a bowling green and cricket pitch are located within walking distance (600m) to the site. There is a footpath on the southern site boundary which leads to Bottesford. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare

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		facility and the village of Easthorpe does not have a GP practice, however the adjoining village of Bottesford does have a facility located 725m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (2% of the site is within Flood Zone 3b and 1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: There were no potential significant positive effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/028/16: Land east of Green lane (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 18 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring	+?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.

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that people have access to education.		The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school as the nearest to the site is 833m away in adjoining village of Bottesford. The adjoining village has two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has less than 2 hourly public transport services /is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Easthorpe and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is a potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Castle View Road Pond cLWS) 413m south of the site and another due to the presence of Mature Ash and Mature Horse Chestnut Plws within proximity of 250m from the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-/+?	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located primarily on brownfield land; however the greenfield part of the site has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Quality land. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. However high quality agricultural land may also be lost to another use. Overall a mixed effect (minor negative/uncertain minor positive) is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located primarily on brownfield land and therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such an uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within a 600m proximity north west of the site, the closest being 395m away (Grantham Road Village Green). Easthorpe Road Allotments are located 307m north of the site. There are a number of childrens play areas located within proximity of 460 north west of the site such as Grantham Road Play Area. Bottesford Cricket and Social Club is located within walking distance (600m) to the site. There is a footpath 178m north east of the site and another 210m west of the site which leads to Bottesford. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility and the village of Easthorpe does not have a GP practice, however the adjoining village of Bottesford does have a facility located 800m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3b and 1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: There were no potential significant positive effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

Frisby on the Wreake Site Options

MBC/191/15: Land off Great Lane, Frisby on the Wreake (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 380m of Frisby of England Primary School to the west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. The site does, however, provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Frisby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ⁹⁹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to medium scale landscape which is contained by the rising topography to the south towards Leicester Road. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of bat roosts which have been identified in the village of Frisby on the Wreake to the west. Bat roosts have been identified at Mill Lane, St Thomas a Becket's Church and Main Street which are located between 275m and 440m of the site. As such the relative proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which

⁹⁹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new

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inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the west of the site within 350m by Main Street. To the north of the site within 220m allotments are located by Mill Lane. A footpath is located to the north of the site within 155m which runs to Mill Lane and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located in a village that contains a GP practice. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is located on Great Lane within the eastern edge of Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/004/16: Water Lane, Frisby on the Wreake (part allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 62 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 335m from Frisby Church of England Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Frisby on the Wreake West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due small scale character and presence of important and relatively intact historic landscape elements such as ridge and furrow field systems. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 406m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the south west, [REDACTED] a potential Local Wildlife Site 765m north east of the site (Asfordby Amateur Sports Club cLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	There are no open space features (e.g. amenity and natural/semi natural greenspace features, parks and gardens, allotments, childrens play areas) within a walking distance of 600m from the site. The closest features are the Frisby on Wreake allotments located 645m away. Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is a nearby sports facility located 177m east from the site. There is a footpath 115m east of the site from Well Field Lane. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/007/16: Land due south of village (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 86 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 22m from Frisby Church of England Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Frisby on the Wreake South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the medium scale landscape that is contained by rising topography to the south, up to Leicester Road. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 600m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the west. In addition [REDACTED] a potential Local Wildlife Site 960m north east of the site (Asfordby Amateur Sports Club cLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a gypsum Mineral Consultation Area and a relatively small section of the northern part of the site identified within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Frisby on Wreake allotments are located 539m north of the site, however there are no other open space features (e.g. amenity and natural/semi natural greenspace features, parks and gardens, childrens play areas) within a walking distance of 600m from the site. Glendon Close Play Area located 1365m north from site. Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is a nearby sports facility located 200m north of the site. There is a footpath along the outside edge of the site western boundary. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA

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emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/036/16a: Rotherby Lane (reserve site in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 24 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 145m from Frisby Church of England Primary School which is to the south east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is partially dependent on there being capacity at that school to accommodate additional pupils.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and the western half has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Frisby on the Wreake West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due small scale character and presence of important and relatively intact historic landscape elements such as ridge and furrow field systems. The eastern half of the site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the study. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within close proximity of a number of bat roosts within the settlement of Frisby on the Wreake. The closest of these features is located on Main Street within 55m of the site to the north east. The site is also located within 500m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the west. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is

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enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?/-	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on mostly brownfield land (the site currently contains a small number of farm buildings and residential properties). As such the redevelopment of this site may result in the re-use of buildings and materials currently onsite and as such is considered to be more efficient than the development a greenfield site dependent upon which part of the site is developed. Overall a mixed effect (uncertain minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on mainly brownfield land and therefore development at this location may result in the re-use of buildings and materials which are already onsite. As such an uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is a nearby sports facility located within 130m to the north east of the site. However, there are no other open space features (e.g. amenity and natural/semi natural greenspace features, parks and gardens, childrens play areas) within a walking distance of 600m from the site. A footpath is located within 20m of the site to the south at Rotherby Lane. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/036/16b: Rotherby Lane (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 47 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 255m from Frisby Church of England Primary School which is to the east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is partially dependent on there being capacity at that school to accommodate additional pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and	--?	The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and the western half has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Frisby on

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		the Wreake West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due small scale character and presence of important and relatively intact historic landscape elements such as ridge and furrow field systems. The eastern half of the site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the study. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within close proximity of a number of bat roosts within the settlement of Frisby on the Wreake. The closest of these features is located on Main Street within 185m of the site to the north east. The site is also located within 280m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the west. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land. The site has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land; therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on

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inclusion.		this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is a nearby sports facility located within 280m to the north east of the site. However, there are no other open space features (e.g. amenity and natural/semi natural greenspace features, parks and gardens, childrens play areas) within a walking distance of 600m from the site. There is a footpath along the northern site boundary which runs to the east towards Main Street and Rotherby Lane. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. This footpath also runs into the site however and as such depending on the design of the development this use may be lost. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is likely on this SA objective..
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 14: health and well-being (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/037/16: Rotherby Lane (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 19 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 100m from Frisby Church of England Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	The site is located in proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is a nearby sports facility located 208m north east of the site. There is a footpath along the north eastern site boundary which leads towards Rotherby to the west and Gaddesby towards the south. This route

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prolong life.		may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

Gaddesby Site Options

MBC/016/13: Land off Church Lane and Ashby Road (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 162 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>Gaddesby Primary School is located directly adjacent to the south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The site is located within an area identified as having high sensitivity to residential development. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Gaddesby Brook Local Wildlife Site is located from the far south-eastern site boundary and Mill Farm Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located 552m south east of the site. There is another area identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 424m west of the site. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The southern half of the site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area and the northern half is within a gypsum Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2)), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	Paske Avenue Play Area is located 427m north west of the site. There is a footpath through the centre of the site and another 80m west of the site leading south. The village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible effect/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective, as it is uncertain whether the recreational asset (footpath) could be lost.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (6%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 14: health (although score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/017/13: Land off Pasture Lane (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 11 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>There is not a school facility within walking distance (600m) of the site, however the village of Gaddesby does have a school. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		employment site, however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located within an area identified as having medium to high sensitivity to residential development. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Rose Cottage Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located 253m north of the site and another Local Wildlife Site is Buttercup Meadow located 590m south west of the site. An area identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts can be located 100m south west of the site [REDACTED]. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a gypsum Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3a Agricultural Land, and development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. An overall significant negative effect is therefore expected.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Paske Avenue Play Area is located 136m south of the site. There are two footpaths adjacent to the west of the site, one leading north and the other leading west. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: There were no potential significant positive effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/193/15: Land at rear of Gaddesby Primary School (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 118 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils. Gaddesby Primary School is located directly adjacent to the north of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site, however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are likely in comparison to development on brownfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	████████████████████ there is ██████ an area identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 210m south of the site. In addition Gaddesby Brook Local Wildlife Site is located from the north eastern site boundary and another Local Wildlife Site is Barsby Meadow located 327m south of the site. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also	-	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural land quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.

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maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0/--?	Paske Avenue Play Area is located 600m north of the site. There is a footpath 40m north of the site and another along the west of the site leading south. The village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible effect/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective, as it is uncertain whether the recreational asset (footpath) could be lost.

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prolong life.		
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with reasonable access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	Only 3% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b but 86% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk may occur although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use, 14: health (although score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

Harby Site Options

MBC/016/16: Land at Colston Lane (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 66 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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residents of the Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 335m from Harby Church of England Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 145m east of the site and it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Harby Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge associated with the Grantham Canal that in turn contributes to the enclosed visual character that has low sensitivity to changes. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 600m of Grantham Canal SSSI which is to the north east. There is also a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts located 440m east of the site. There is a Local Wildlife Site along the northern site boundary (Grantham Canal cLWS) and another 450m south of the site (Hose Lane Grassland). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. There is a relatively small section of development along the south of the site; however the site is primarily greenfield land. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in proximity to open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is a greenspace feature and play area located 280m east of the site on School Lane. Nether Street Allotments are located 115m from site. There is a footpath located 222m from the site and another 150m away which follows Main Street. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/020/13: Former Millway Foods, Colston Lane (reserve site in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 60 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 480m from Harby Church of England Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 185m east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Harby Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge associated with the Grantham Canal that in turn contributes to the enclosed visual character that has low sensitivity to changes. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 630m of Grantham Canal SSSI which is to the north east. There is also a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts located 630m east of the site. There is a Local Wildlife Site along the northern site boundary (Grantham Canal cLWS) and another 605m south of the site (Hose Lane Grassland).
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land and only the western part of the site remains undeveloped which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Therefore land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost to another use. As such a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective and 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located mainly on brownfield land and therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in proximity to open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is a greenspace feature and play area located 337m east of the site on School Lane. Nether Street Allotments are located 220m from site. There is a footpath located 112m from the site starting at Colston Lane and another 266m north east from site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. There were no potential significant negative effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives

MBC/022/13 & MBC/022/15: Land off Nether Street (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 195m from Harby Church of England Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 22m north of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Harby Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge associated with the Grantham Canal that in turn contributes to the enclosed visual character that has low sensitivity to changes. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Grantham Canal is a candidate Local Wildlife Site located 202m north of the site and Hose Lane Grassland is another Local Wildlife Site located 557m south of the site. In addition an area identified to contain breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts is located 342m south east of the site. Grantham Canal SSSI is located 511m north east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Therefore, land of a high agricultural value could be lost to another use. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.

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enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located in proximity to open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature and a childrens play area located on School Lane which is approximately 100m north east of the site. In addition Boyers Orchard Allotments are located 545m east of the site and Stathern Road Nature Reserve is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 806m from the site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site,

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		there is a footpath 100m north of the site that leads to Langar Airfield and another 145m south of the site leading to Hose. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. However there are allotments located on the site and it is uncertain that this recreational asset could be lost to development if it were to take place. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is expected for this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/023/13&MBC/023/15: The Rectory, 1 Boyers Orchard (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	<p>++?</p>	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 103m from Harby Church of England Primary School. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and the site is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 318m north west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. It is noted that the site is primarily located on greenfielded land which may mean that adverse effects are likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is an area identified to contain breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 103m south of the site. Grantham Canal is a candidate Local Wildlife Site located 380m north of the site and another Local Wildlife Site is Hose Lane Grassland located 635m south west of the site. Grantham Canal SSSI is located 404m north of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mainly greenfield land (although a third of the site appears to be developed for residential use). The land has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Therefore, development of this site could result in the loss of high agricultural land and a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on whether the greenfield land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mainly greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted that there is a relatively small section of the site that has been developed for residential purposes.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in proximity to open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature and a childrens play area located on School Lane which is approximately 245m north east of the site. In addition Boyers Orchard Allotments are located 187m east of the site and Stathern Road Nature Reserve is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 442m from the site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site, there is a footpath 33m north of the site that leads to Langar Airfield and another 252m south west of the site leading to Hose. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/038/16: Land north of Stathern Lane, Harby (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>Harby Church of England Primary School is located 523m west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 148m south east of the site

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		although the site has less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	An area has been identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 67m south west of the site [REDACTED]. Ridge and Furrow Pasture is a potential Local Wildlife Site located 530m south east of the site and Grantham Canal is a candidate Local Wildlife Site located 470m north west of the site. In addition Grantham Canal SSSI is located 410m north of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The village of Harby has a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an area of semi-natural/natural greenspace located 20m south of the site on Stathern Road and Boyers Orchard allotments are located 200m west of the site. There is an area of open space located 590m west of the site on School Lane containing a childrens play area and an amenity greenspace. There is a footpath 40m west of the site and another 200m from the site on Boyers Orchard leading north. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/155/15: Res Tractors, Willow Farm House, Waltham Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 94 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school however Harby Church of England Primary School is located in the village of Harby in which the site is located in. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to	-	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having very infrequent public transport services or being more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	--	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has very infrequent public transport services or is more than 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. It is noted that the site is primarily located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is also a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts located 365m north of the site. There is a Local Wildlife Site 20m from the site (Waltham Lane Grasslands) and another 555m east of the site (Green Lane pLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land and only a third of the site remains undeveloped which has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. Therefore the

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		development of the site would not result in land of high agricultural value lost to another use. Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of the land in comparison to greenfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective; however this effect remains uncertain depending on the quality of the greenfield land.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is identified to be in Harby which has been classed as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. However the location of the site is not walking distance (600m) from central Harby as it is approximately 900m north west of the site. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with less good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities compared to other sites at Harby and a minor rather than significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/--	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and in relation to education (SA objective 2). However, a significant negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is expected on this SA objective, given the level of housing that the site may provide in particular as well the close proximity of the site to education facilities as but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on mostly brownfield land which appears to be for residential and industrial purposes. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given that development of this site will involve the re-use of previously developed land and potentially materials that already at this location. The effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact nature of the materials currently onsite is unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote	0/--?	The village of Harby has a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are no open spaces or sports facilities within walking distance (600m) from the site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways; there is a

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healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		footpath on the site that leads to Harby and a bridleway following the north boundary of the site that leads to Hose. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. Overall a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective. The mixed effect is uncertain as it cannot be known whether the recreation asset on site would be lost to the development.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is at Harby which has been classed as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. However the location of the site is not within walking distance (600m) from central Harby as it is approximately 900m north west of the site therefore locating housing within this site is likely to provide new residents with less good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes compared to other sites at Harby. Therefore a minor rather than significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 4: employment, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is party of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

Hose Site Options

MBC/008/16: Land off Canal Lane (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable

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housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.		housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 22 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of Hose Church of England Primary School (242m from site). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 135m north west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Hose West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact and small scale landscape character related to this historic edge, balanced with the enclosed visual character and limited intervisibility with surrounding landscape and features. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design

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		of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 50m of a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts. In addition the site is within 200m proximity of Local Wildlife Sites due to the presence of Trackside Ash (pLWS) and Churchyard Horse Chestnut (pLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 170m of an amenity greenspace (Hose Village Green Amenity) and 80m from Canal Road Allotments. Hose Village Sports Field has a football pitch and bowling green and is located 300m east of the site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site. There is a bridleway 20m from the site and a footpath 138m south west of the site that leads Long Clawson. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Hose. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/024/13: Land to the rear of Ferndale, 41 Bolton Lane (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of Hose Church of England Primary School (175m from site). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 150m north west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Hose West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact and small scale landscape character related to this historic edge, balanced with the enclosed visual character and limited intervisibility with surrounding landscape and features. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 130m of a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts. In addition the site is within 140m proximity of Local Wildlife Sites due to the presence of Trackside Ash (pLWS) and Churchyard Horse Chestnut (pLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 120m of an amenity greenspace (Hose Village Green Amenity) and 120m from Canal Road Allotments. Hose Village Sports Field has a football pitch and bowling green and is located 330m north east of the site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site. There is a bridleway 112m north of the site and a footpath 117m from the site that leads Long Clawson. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Hose. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/125/14: Electro Motion UK, Colston Basset Lane (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 78 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of Hose Church of England Primary School (357m south west of the site). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+/-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. However, there is an employment site within the proposed site, although it is assumed that this will be lost to development; therefore the overall effect on this SA objective is expected to be mixed (minor positive and minor negative).
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Hose Far West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium-low sensitivity to residential development due to the enclosed visual character by virtue of surrounding vegetation and fragmented landscape character due to the influence of recent land uses. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is a probable breeding pond for Great Crested Newts located in the north east corner of the site [REDACTED]. In addition Grantham Canal (cLWS) is located 160m west of the site. In addition a potential Local Wildlife Site is located along the southern site boundary and another 60m west of the site due to the presence of Trackside Ash and Streamside Willow . As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) as well as a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). As such, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mainly greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located 52m from Canal Road Allotments and Hose Village Green is an area of open space located 330m south east of the site which consisted of an amenity greenspace and a childrens play area. Hose Village Hall Sports Field has a football pitch and bowling green and is located 500m east of the site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site. There is along the centre of the site leading south west and a bridleway along the southern site boundary. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Hose. Overall a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective. The mixed effect is uncertain as it cannot be known whether the recreation asset on site would be lost to the development.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (4% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation</p>		

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/163/15: Land opposite 11 Harby lane, Hose (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 46 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of Hose Church of England Primary School (238m from site). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 520m north west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Hose Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the enclosed visual character by virtue of surrounding vegetation and fragmented landscape character due to the influence of recent land uses. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 155m of a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts. In addition the site is within 240m proximity of Local Wildlife Sites due to the presence of Churchyard Horse Chestnut (pLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
inclusion.		
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 180m of an amenity greenspace (Hose Village Green Amenity) and 473m from Canal Road Allotments. Hose Village Sports Field has a football pitch and bowling green and is located 110m north of the site. There are a number of footpaths, byways and bridleways surrounding the site. There is a bridleway along the outside east boundary of the site and a byway 70m that leads to a footpath towards Long Clawson. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Hose. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (2% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

Kirby Bellars Site Options

MBC/005/16: Field South of A607 (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 493 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>There is not a school within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Kirby Bellars. As such given the great distance of the site to a school a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the capacity of schools to accommodate new pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Kirby Bellars and has been identified as being partly within LCZ2: Kirby Bellars Southeast and partly within LCZ3: Kirby Bellars Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge, the rising contours of the LCZ that rise up from the settlement edge and expansive open views that contain village landmarks. LCZ3 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the poorly integrated edge properties, scattered along the road away from the linear form of the settlement. Overall, due to the higher sensitivity of LCZ2, a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The north of the site contains a number of breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts [REDACTED]. Wreake Floodplain Wetland (potential Local Wildlife Site) is located 870m north of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within 120m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Site. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. However a relatively small section along the north and south boundary of the site has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	-	The site is in Kirby Bellars which has been identified as a Rural Settlement by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with relatively poor access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed (significant positive/minor negative) effect is expected on this SA, given the level of housing that the site may provide in particular as well as the access to employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the distance to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are no open spaces within walking distance (600m) of the site. Priory Water Reserve is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 940m north of the site. In addition there are also no sports facilities within walking distance as the closest is Frisby, Hoby and Rotherby Cricket Club located 1600m west from site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site. There is a footpath on the east of the site that leads south and another 240m west of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. Also there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Kirby Bellars. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	-	The site is in Kirby Bellars which has been identified as a Rural Settlement by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with relatively poor access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may result in high levels of car use with the associated greenhouse gas emissions.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 3: transport and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/025/13: Land at Main Street (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 38 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>There is not a school within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Kirby Bellars. As such given the great distance of the site to a school a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the capacity of schools to accommodate new pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Kirby Bellars and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Kirby Bellars West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium-low sensitivity to residential development due to the enclosed visual character, influenced by the existing settlement edge and limited topographical variation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There are a number of breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts 200m south of the site [REDACTED]. Wreake Floodplain Wetland (potential Local Wildlife Site) is located 865m west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Site. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	-	The site is in Kirby Bellars which has been identified as a Rural Settlement by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with relatively poor access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4) and a minor negative score in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective, given the level of housing that the site may provide and the access to employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to education

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
inclusion.		facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are no open spaces within walking distance (600m) of the site. Priory Water Reserve is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 617m north of the site. In addition there are also no sports facilities within walking distance as the closest is Asfordby Hill Football Pitch located 1380m north from site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site. There is a footpath on the site that leads west towards Frisby on the Wreake and another 90m east of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. Also there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Kirby Bellars. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	-	The site is in Kirby Bellars which has been identified as a Rural Settlement by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with relatively poor access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may result in high levels of car use with the associated greenhouse gas emissions.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 3: transport. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

Long Clawson Site Options

MBC/026/15: Field south of Coronation Avenue, West of Melton Road, Long Clawson (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 50 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within 600m of a school. The site is however located within Long Clawson and one school (Long Clawson Church of England Primary School) is located within this settlement. As such given that a school is located within the settlement but that it is not located within reasonable walking distance (600m) of the site a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 590m of an existing employment site to the north east by Hickling Lane. The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰⁰ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. In addition, it is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study states in the assessment of overall sensitivity of the landscape character zone which this site lies within that the settlement edge in this area is prominent. Therefore, sympathetic new development may offer opportunities to improve this. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. The site is also located within 250m of a Candidate Local Wildlife Site to the west. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature and designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

¹⁰⁰ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown if the land has been classified as Grade 3a or 3b quality at this stage) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1), to education (SA objective 2), and to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities, relatively good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site to the east along Melton Road has previously been developed) and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in

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necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.		Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Allotments are located to the south east of the site within 90m on Melton Road. A cemetery is located on Sand Pit Lane within 470m of the site to the east. A footpath is located at the north western corner of the site towards Coronation Avenue and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of Long Clawson Medical Practice however the site is considered to have reasonable access to this facility given that they are both located within Long Clawson. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located on Melton Road towards the south western edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 9: social inclusion. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/168/15: Land off Sandpit Lane, Long Clawson (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
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SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 55 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 330m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the north east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 290m of an existing employment site to the north west on Church Lane. The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰¹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	This site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. The site is also located within 80m of a bat roost which has been identified to the north on W End and within 135m of an additional bat roost which has been identified to the north on Church Lane. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown if the land has been classified as Grade 3a or 3b quality at this stage) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to education (SA objective 2), and minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective particularly in relation to the good level of access the

¹⁰¹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
inclusion.		site provides to education opportunities but also considering the potential level of housing the site may accommodate and also the good level of access to employment opportunities this site provides.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be unlikely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A cemetery is located adjacent to the site to the south east and an amenity greenspace is located within 40m of the site to the south east on the other side of Sandpit Lane. Further amenity greenspace and a children's playground are located within 190m of the site to the east on Back Lane. Access to an additional cemetery is located to the north of the site within 150m. The nearest footpath is located within 40m of the site to the south where it crosses Sandpit Lane and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 470m of the healthcare centre in Long Clawson. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located on Sand Pit Lane towards the southern edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objective 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/150/15: Birleys Garage, Waltham Lane, Long Clawson (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 65 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 540m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰² and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield sites, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	This site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. The site is also located within 210m of a bat roost which has been identified to the north east on Hose Lane. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land (only the southern part of the site remains undeveloped) meaning that land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost to another use. As such a potential minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

¹⁰² Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is identified as being located on mostly brownfield land. Development of this brownfield site will mostly result in the reuse of previously developed land and may involve the reuse of existing buildings and materials already onsite; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact details of the materials currently onsite are unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 115m of two allotments to the west and to the north on East End and Hose Lane respectively. Access to a children's playground is located to the east of the site within 370m on The Sands. A footpath runs along the

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prolong life.		northern edge of the site to connect to Water Lane to the east and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 375m of the healthcare centre in Long Clawson which is on The Sands to the west. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located on Waltham Lane towards the south eastern edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 14: health. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/169/15: Canal Farm, Long Clawson (reserve site in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 470m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the emerging Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰³ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield sites, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.

¹⁰³ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land (only the northern part of the site remains undeveloped) meaning land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost to another use. As such a potential minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is identified as being located on mostly brownfield land (only the northern part of the site remains undeveloped). Development of this brownfield site will mostly result in the reuse of previously developed land and may involve the reuse of existing buildings and materials already onsite; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact details of the materials currently onsite are unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 25m of an allotment to the east on Hose Lane and within 135m of another allotment to the south on East End. Access to a children's playground is located to the south east of the site within 270m on The Sands. A cricket pitch is located within 595m of the site to the west by Barkers Field. A number of footpaths are located towards the north west corner of the site and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site boundaries also include a footpath however and development at this location may result in the loss of this access route and therefore an uncertain significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The site is located within 285m of the healthcare centre in Long Clawson which is on The Sands to the south west. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/ uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located at the intersection of Paget's Lane and Hose Lane towards the north eastern edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/144/15: Corner of Broughton Lane and Hickling Lane, Long Clawson (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 36 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located in close proximity to any schools however the settlement the site is located within, Long Clawson, does provide access to Long Clawson Church of England Primary School on School Lane. As such given that a school is located within the settlement but that it is not located within reasonable walking distance (600m) of the site a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 250m of an existing employment site to the north east by Hickling Lane. The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the western edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰⁴ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. The site is also located within 470m of a candidate Local Wildlife Site which has been identified due to the presence of rough grassland to the south west. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature and potential designations may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 4 agricultural quality. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1), education (SA objective 2), and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities, relatively good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 150m of two allotments on Hickling Lane. Another allotment is located to the south of the site within 375m and this is also located on Hickling Lane. The cemetery located to the north east at St. Remigius Church is within 445m of the site. A footpath is located within 115m of the site to the north by Hickling Lane and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of Long Clawson Medical Practice however the site is considered to have reasonable access to this facility given that they are both located within Long Clawson. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is located at the intersection of Broughton Lane and Hickling Lane towards the western edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 9: social inclusion. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/028/13: Land off Back Lane, Long Clawson (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 26 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 50m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the north. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 230m of an existing employment site to the north west by Church Lane. The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰⁵ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should be small scale and well integrated, and should achieve a gradation of density to the outer edges, and that, given the interface with the wider agricultural landscape, lit settlement edges should be avoided as far as possible. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. [REDACTED]. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

¹⁰⁵ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 3 in terms of agricultural quality (at this stage it is unknown if the land is of Grade 3a or 3b quality). As such development at this site may result in the loss of high quality greenfield agricultural land a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 90m of an amenity greenspace and children's playground on Back Lane to the south. Two additional children's playgrounds are located within 240m of the site to the north east on The Sands. Cricket pitches are located to the north west of the site within 210m by Barkers Field. Two footpaths are adjacent to the site to the south and these connect to Mill lane and Sandpit Lane respectively and may encourage new residents to make use of more active forms of transport. One of these footpaths is within the boundaries of the site also however and a partial loss of this use is therefore possible as a result of this development meaning an uncertain significant negative effect is expected. The site is located 160m of Long Clawson Medical Practice which is to the north east on The Sands. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives		

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/027/15: Land north of East End, (Brunts Farm, The Pinale), Long Clawson (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 20 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 210m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet	-	The site is not located within 600m of an existing employment site. However, the site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰⁶ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. A number of bat roosts have been identified within 250m of the site to the south west on Church Lane and The Sands respectively. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 3 in terms of agricultural quality (at this stage it is unknown if the land is of Grade 3a or 3b quality). As such residential development at this location may result in the loss of high quality agricultural land; therefore a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor

¹⁰⁶ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
secure economic inclusion.		positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide, but taking into account the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 35m and 125m of two children's playground to the south which are both located on The Sands. A cricket pitch is located within 325m of the site to the west by Barkers Field. A footpath runs to the north of the site within 65m and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is located within 75m of the healthcare centre in Long Clawson which is on The Sands to the south. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located by The Sands towards the northern edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 16: climate change. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/178/15a: Site entrance road, Hickling Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 30 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>There is not a school within walking distance (600m) however the village of Long Clawson does have a school (Long Clawson Church of England Primary School) located 737m east of the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the capacity of schools to accommodate new pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
<p>improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>		
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	+	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site.</p> <p>There is an existing employment site located 23m south east of the site, and the site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	-?	<p>The site is located in Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Long Claswon Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the medium landscape scale and simplicity of landscape pattern, balanced against the strong rural character and instances of intervisibility with the scarp slope to the south. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>
<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	--?	<p>There is an area identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 86m south of the site and another area located 235m south west of the site. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Long Clawson cemetery is a candidate Local Wildlife Site located 735m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.</p>
<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	0	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. However, the site is classed as Grade 3b agricultural land quality; therefore a minor negative effect is likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing, access to employment opportunities and education (SA objectives 1, 2 and 4). A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective, given the level of housing that the site may provide and the access to employment opportunities and education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health	+	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are two allotment facilities within close proximity to the site; one on Hickling Lane 80m south of the site and another on Broughton Lane 120m south of the site. Long Clawson Cricket Club is located 561m east of the site. There is a footpath along the southern site boundary leading north east and another 36m west of the site leading north. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. Also there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) but there is a GP within the village of Long Clawson. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located in Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 9: social inclusion. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/178/15b: Site entrance road, Hickling Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
residents of the Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>Long Clawson Church of England Primary School is located 600m east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the capacity of schools to accommodate new pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site.</p> <p>There is an existing employment site located 20m south of the site, and the site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>The site is located in Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Long Claswon Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the medium landscape scale and simplicity of landscape pattern, balanced against the strong rural character and instances of intervisibility with the scarp slope to the south. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is an area identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 96m north of the site and another area located 65m west of the site. [REDACTED] Long Clawson cemetery is a candidate Local Wildlife Site located 681m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. However, the site is classed as Grade 3b agricultural land quality; therefore a minor negative effect is identified overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing, access to employment opportunities and education (SA objectives 1, 2 and 4). A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective, given the level of housing that the site may provide and the access to employment opportunities and education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are two allotment facilities within close proximity to the site; one on Hickling Lane 173m south of the site and another on Broughton Lane 200m south of the site. Long Clawson Cricket Club is located 415m east of the site. There is a footpath along the southern and eastern site boundary. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. Also there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) however there is a GP within the village of Long Clawson. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located in Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 9: social inclusion. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

Melton Mowbray Site Options

MBC/153/15: Land at Snow Hill (Jeld Wen) (reserve site in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 240 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 80m of Brownlow Primary School to the east on Limes Avenue. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++/--	The site is located directly adjacent to an existing employment site. In addition, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. However, the Council has highlighted that the development of this site for residential use would result in the loss of existing employment land; therefore a mixed (significant positive and significant negative) effect is identified overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰⁷ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to where development takes place on greenfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of bat roosts; these have been identified within 270m to the north east on Ferneley Crescent, within 280m to the east on Copley Close, and within 380m to the north east on Firwood Road. Melton Country Park is located within 380m of the site to the north and this has been identified as a candidate Local Wildlife Site. Also to the north of the site within 445m an area which is of importance for great crested newts' breeding has been identified. The site is located within 600m of a Local Wildlife Site which has been designated at Mars Petcare, River Eye. As such the relative proximity of the site to the identified features and this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within or in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area (the closest of these designations is located to the east within 255m). The site is located on brownfield land and as such allowing for residential development at this location would not result in a loss of high quality agricultural land. Overall a significant positive effect is therefore likely.

¹⁰⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/--	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2), access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and housing SA (objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities as well as the high level of housing that the site may provide. However, this is mixed with a significant negative effect, reflecting the mixed economy score (SA objective 4) due to the loss of existing onsite employment provision.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land and therefore development at this location would involve the re-use of previously developed land. Development at this location may also result in the re-use of materials and buildings which are already at this location. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is uncertain given that it is unknown what materials are currently onsite.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare centres which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 75m of a children's playground which is to the north. Melton Country Park football pitches are also to the north of the site within 140m. The nearest allotments are Doctors Lane Allotments in Melton Country Park and these are located 335m to the north of the site. A large cemetery is located to the east of site by Thorpe Road within 320m. The nearest amenity greenspace to the site is provided to the south west by Chapel Street. A footpath and the

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		Jubilee Way route are accessible along the northern edge of the site and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport given that it provided access through Melton Country Park to the north. The site however contains a footpath within its boundaries to the south and as such an uncertain significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective given that development of this site may result in a loss of this use. The site is located within 180m of Latham House Medical Practice which is to the south west on Sage Cross Street. The site is also located within 190m of Melton Mowbray hospital to the south east which is on Thorpe Road. As such an overall mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall), 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall), 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall), 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 15: energy efficiency. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 4 (employment) and 10: poverty and deprivation, in both cases as part of mixed effects overall.</p>		

MBC/006/16: Land North of Kirby Lane, Melton Mowbray (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 16 new dwellings; therefore

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present and future residents of the Borough.		a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance (600m) of Swallowdale Primary School and Community Centre. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within the LCZ5: Melton Mowbray South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due the mostly intricate, small scale landscape and cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts located 173m north of the site [REDACTED]. In addition, Leicester Road Grassland (a Local Wildlife Site) is located 590m north of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Site; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. However, the site is classed as mainly greenfield land although a third of the western side of the site has been developed for residential use. The agricultural land quality of this site unknown; however it is noted that the land adjacent to the site has been identified as Urban. Development of this site could result in an overall minor negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on its agricultural land quality.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land however a third of the site is identified as brownfield land. Therefore development at this location would mostly not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in proximity to open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located in close proximity. The closest is 300m east of the site (Thrush Close Amenity) and another 570m north east of the site (Robin Crescent Amenity). There is a childrens play area located 215m north of the site (Kirby Fields Play Area). Melton Mowbray Town Bowls Club is a sports facility located 787m north west of the site. There is also a footpath 75m east of the site towards Eye Kettleby in the south and Redbrook Crescent in the north. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/029/13: Ambulance Station, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 44 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of two schools; Saint Francis Catholic Primary School (290m from site) and Longfield Academy (340m from site). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located adjacent to an existing employment site to the north and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted that there have previously been some employment uses onsite; however these are largely abandoned therefore a negative effect resulting from their loss is not expected.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield sites, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	██ there is Local Wildlife Site (Bull Field) located 450 north west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-/+?	There is a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area within a close proximity of the site. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation and a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. However, the site is classed as mainly brownfield land (although there is a relatively small section on the eastern side of the site that is undeveloped and is classed as urban in terms of the land quality). Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to development on greenfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain given that a section of the site is still classed as greenfield land.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the previous use of the site.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are two amenity greenspace features within 150m proximity to the site (Egerton View and Waterfield Leisure Pool). River Meadow is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 300m north west of the site and Wilton Park is located 235m north east of the site. In addition Lake Terrace Allotments are located 400m east of the site and there are two sports facilities within a 200m proximity to the site (Egerton Sports Ground and Longfield Academy). There is a footpath 150m north east of the site which follows River Eye and another 110m south west of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/030/13: Hilltop Farm, Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 339 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.

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that people have access to education.		The site is located within 145m of St Mary's Church of England Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 519m west of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within both the LCZ1: Melton Mowbray North and LCZ7: Melton Mowbray North West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development while LCZ7 has a medium sensitivity. Although the site is mostly within LCZ1 the site has been classed medium to high sensitivity due to the varied topography which effectively forms the hinterland to the town, plus the tranquil rural character and the availability of expansive views from elevated points. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Nottingham Road Hedgerow (Local Wildlife Site) is located 20m from the eastern site boundary and breeding pond containing Great Crested Newts is located 495m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as mainly on greenfield land as a relatively small section of the site appears to be developed for industrial purposes. The Agricultural Land quality of this site is unknown; however the greenfield land adjacent to the site has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain as the Agricultural Land Quality of this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1), education (SA objective 2), and to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities, good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small portion of the site to the north east is used for industrial purposes) and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Nottingham Road located 200m from site and a childrens play area on Horseguards Way. There is a footpath located 200m north of the site which leads to Holwell. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/031/13: Land adjacent to St Bartholomew's Way and Horseguards Way (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 62 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 60m of St Mary's Church of England Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site;

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within the LCZ7: Melton Mowbray Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due the medium landscape scale and variable landscape intactness and condition. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Nottingham Road Hedgerow (Local Wildlife Site) is located 203m from the north of the site and breeding ponds containing Great Crested Newts is located 450m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land; however the Agricultural Land quality of this site is unknown. The surrounding greenfield land to the site has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain as the Agricultural Land Quality of this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment (SA objective 4) and housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Nottingham Road located 178m from site and a childrens play area 65m away on Horseguards Way. There is a footpath located 825m north of the site which leads to Holwell. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/032/13: Site of King Edward VII school (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 120 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of two schools; Sherard Primary School and Community Centre (64m from site) and Birchwood Melton Area Special School (237m from site). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 565m north of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely in comparison to development on brownfield, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 670m of River Eye SSSI which is to the north east and 530m from a Local Wildlife Site (Mars Petcare, River Eye). In addition breeding ponds containing Great Crested Newts can be found 590m south of the site [REDACTED]. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The site is not located within 250m of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as partly brownfield land however there is a section of greenfield land that is identified as Urban land. Development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. This could result in an overall minor positive effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1), education (SA objective 2), and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities, relatively good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on partly brownfield land therefore development at this location would involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 372m south of the site on Norfolk Drive and another 305m north east on Buckminster Close. River Meadows is a semi natural greenspace feature located 390m north of the site. There are two childrens play areas within a 480m proximity of the site on Baldocks Lane and Hartopp Road. Victoria Street Allotments are located 340m north west of the site. Although there is a sports facility (King Edward VII Community Sports Centre) located on the site, only part of one pitch is within the site and MBC has advised that this has already been replaced in the immediate vicinity. There is a footpath 510m north west of the site on Ankle Hill. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on partly brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/037/13: Silverdale, Scalford Road, Melton (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the site is located in Melton Mowbray which has a number of schools. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 273m south west of the site and the site is located within 600m of Melton Mowbray town centre. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land within an urban area of Melton

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landscape.		Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Melton Country Park (Local Wildlife Site) is located 540m north east of the site. There are also a number of breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 500m north east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within 250m of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as brownfield land as it appears to contain a car park and a building. Development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. This results in an overall significant positive effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land therefore development at this location would involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within walking distance (600m) as the nearest is Ash Grove Amenity and another on Cranmere Road. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area are located within 125m proximity of the site. Melton Country Park football pitch is a sports facility located 488m south east of the site. There is a footpath located 245m north of the site from Scalford Road and another 575m away from Nottingham Road. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 3: transport, 4: employment, 8: land use, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. There were no potential significant negative effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives.</p>		

MBC/039/13: Land at Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 50 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 500m of Brownlow Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 237m south of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site has been identified as being within LCZ3: Thorpe Arnold Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ3 has high sensitivity to residential development due to the historic character of the slopes and the landscape function in providing separation between the wooded edge of Thorpe Arnold and modern development on the edge of Melton Mowbray. The eastern part of the site is located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	River Eye SSSI is located 945m south of the site. Corfe Wet Grassland (Local Wildlife Site) is located within 85m of the site and Melton Country Park is another Local Wildlife Site located 437m north west of the site. [REDACTED] an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts is located 265m north of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is on greenfield land; however its Agricultural Land Quality is unknown. Nearby greenfield land is identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location may therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain as the agricultural quality of the site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature located on Hunts Drive located 450m north of the site and Melton Country Park located 625m from site. Melton Country Park Trim Trail is a childrens play area located 485m west of the site and Doctors Lane Allotments are located 505m from the site. Thorpe Park Recreation Ground is a sports facility which contains a football pitch located 168m east of the site. There is a footpath along the outside of the southern site boundary which leads to Thorpe Arnold. This route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices with the nearest being Melton Mowbray Hospital located 795m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--	8% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 70% is within Flood Zone 3a. Therefore, a significant negative effect on flood risk is likely. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: health risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/124/13: 36 - 44 Thorpe End, Melton (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 12 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.

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that people have access to education.		The site is located within 590m of Brownlow Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located directly adjacent to the east of the site and the site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Mars Petcare on the River Eye (Local Wildlife Site) is located 400m south east of the site. [REDACTED] River Eye SSSI is located 730m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as brownfield land and as a result development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land therefore development at this location would involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are two amenity greenspace features located within a 350m proximity to the site; Chapel Street Amenity and St Mary's Church Amenity. Play Close Skate Park is located 550m south west of the site. The All England Ground is a sports facility that consists of a football and cricket pitch located 370m east of the site. There is a footpath 460m north of the site from Beckmill Lane and another 160m south of the site from Regent Street. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is located within walking distance (600m) of two healthcare facilities; Latham House Medical Practice and Melton Mowbray Hospital. As such a significant positive effect is expected for this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	--?	This site is within the Source Protection Zone within the centre of Melton Mowbray; therefore a potential significant negative effect on water quality is identified.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 8: land use, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation, 14: health and 15: energy efficiency. There were no potential significant negative effects identified for this		

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site in relation to the SA objectives.		

MBC/132/13: Land fronting Dieppe Way, Scalford Road, Melton (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 37 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 495m of John Ferneley College. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 550m south of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land however is within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on agricultural land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located 188m from an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. Melton Country Park is also a Local Wildlife Site located 579m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within a close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land although it is classed as Urban land in terms of agricultural quality. Development at this location would not therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. This results in an overall minor negative effect for this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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inclusion.		
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be unlikely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is located 230m from site (Cranmere Road Amenity) and another 252m away (Drummond Walk Amenity). There is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace along Dieppe Way/Nottingham Road. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area are located within a 125m proximity to the site. Melton Country Park football pitch is a sports facility located 495m south west of the site. There is a footpath 255m north of the site from Scaffold Road, this route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices with the nearest being Latham House Medical Practice located 862m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/133/13 & MBC/133/14: Land at Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 355m of Brownlow Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There are a number of existing employment sites within walking distance (600m) of the site; the nearest is located 39m south west of the site and there is another 128m south of the site. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There are two Local Wildlife Sites within close proximity to the site; Mars Petcare, River Eye is 382m south of the site and Corfe Wet Grassland is 1000m north east of the site. [REDACTED] River Eye SSSI is 565m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	++	The site is not located within a close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on brownfield land; therefore development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. This results in an overall significant positive effect on this SA objective.

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enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land therefore development at this location would involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is located 446m from site (Chapel Street Amenity) and another 508m away (St Mary's Parish Church Amenity). River Meadows is an area of semi natural greenspace located 518m south of the site. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area are located within a 125m proximity to the site. There is a footpath 100m north of the site that leads east and another 262m south of the site that follows the Jubilee Way. The All England Ground contains a

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		football and cricket pitch located 130m south east of the site. Latham House Medical Practice is located 317m west of the site and Melton Mowbray Hospital is located on the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	--?	This site is within the Source Protection Zone within the centre of Melton Mowbray; therefore a potential significant negative effect on water quality is identified.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 8: land use, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation, 14: health and 15: energy efficiency. There were no potential significant negative effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives.

MBC/135/13: Beeby's Yard, Burton Street, Melton (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 11 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning,	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how

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enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance (600m) of two schools; Saint Francis Catholic Primary School and the Grove Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and 124/13cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 185m south east of the site and the site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	<p>This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Mars Petcare, River Eye (Local Wildlife Site) is located 495m south east of the site [REDACTED]. In addition River Eye SSSI is located 927m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as brownfield land; as a result development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within walking distance (600m), the nearest being 40m (St Mary's Parish Church Amenity) away and another 300m north of the site (Chapel Street Amenity). There are also a number of gardens and parks nearby with the nearest being New Park on Priors Close located 175m south west of the site. River Meadows is an area of semi natural greenspace located 487m south east of the site. Leicester Road Sports Ground is a sports facility located within walking distance to the site. There is a footpath 90m east of the site adjacent to Play Close and another 280m east of the site from Regent Street, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is within walking distance of two healthcare facilities; Melton Mowbray Hospital and Latham House Medical Practice. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 8: land use, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation, 14: health and 15: energy efficiency. There were no potential significant negative effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives.</p>		

MBC/136/13: Wycliffe House, Snow Hill, Melton (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 20 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 395m from Brownlow Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job

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economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 45m south east of the site and the site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on mainly greenfield land within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are likely in comparison to development on brownfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Melton Country Park (Local Wildlife Site) is located 645m north east of the site which also contains breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land; however it is classed as Urban in terms of its agricultural quality and as a result development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mainly greenfield land; however a third of the site appears to be developed for residential use. Therefore development at this location would be unlikely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A nearby amenity greenspace feature is located 332m away on Chapel Street with a park/garden on St Mary's Way located 362m away. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area is located within a 500m proximity to the site. Melton Country Park football pitch is a sports facility located 295m north east of the site. There is a footpath 25m east of the site following the Jubilee Way; this route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is within walking distance of two healthcare facilities; Melton Mowbray Hospital and Latham House Medical Practice. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation, 14: health and 15: energy efficiency. There were no potential significant negative effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives.

MBC/138/13: Land to the rear of 74 and 88 Dalby Road (Swale Close), Melton Mowbray (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 27 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>There are two schools within walking distance of the site (600m); Saint Francis Catholic Primary School and Swallowdale Primary School and Community Centre. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 425m north west of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on mainly greenfield land within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are likely in comparison to development on brownfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located [REDACTED] 645m from an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings (Local Wildlife Site) is located 675m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is on greenfield land; however it is classed as urban land and so development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective because the site is greenfield.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is on Blyth Avenue located 155m west of the site and another at the War Memorial Hospital located 176m north east of the site. New Park on Priors Close is located 495m north of the site and River Meadow is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 795m from the site. Victoria Street Allotments are located 407m south west of the site and Play Close Skate Park located 368m north of the site. A nearby sports facility is Leicester Road Sports Ground located 120m from site and a cricket pitch at Longfield Academy located 640m north west from site. There is a footpath 70m east of the site that leads to Ankle Hill and another 343m north, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices with the nearest being Latham House Medical Practice located 868m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/139/13: Melton Building Supplies, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 23 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 253m from Brownlow Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++/--	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within walking distance (600m) of a number of existing employment sites; the nearest being 40m south west of the site and another being 115m south of the site. The site is also located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre and has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. However, this is mixed with a significant negative effect overall as the site includes existing employment land which would be lost as a result of housing development at the site.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land within the urban area of Melton

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landscape.		Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are unlikely in comparison to development on greenfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Mars Petcare, River Eye (Local Wildlife Site) is located 500m south of the site [REDACTED]. In addition River Eye SSSI is located 600m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-/++	The site is located within 235m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. However, the site is located on brownfield land which appears to be used for industrial purposes and development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land, avoiding the loss of high quality agricultural land. Overall a mixed effect (minor negative/significant positive) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is located 630m west of the site on Chapel Street and River Meadows (semi natural greenspace area) is located 680m south of the site. Melton Country Park Trim Trail is a children's play area located 525m north of the site. The All England Ground is a sports facility that contains a football and cricket pitch located 230m south of the site and Melton Country Park football pitch is located 490m north west of the site. There is a footpath 57m west of the site from Stafford Avenue and another 459m south west of the site following the Jubilee Way, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. The site is within walking distance of two healthcare facilities; Melton Mowbray Hospital and Latham House Medical Practice. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.

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17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall), 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation, 14: health and 15: energy efficiency. There were no potential significant negative effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives.</p>		

MBC/158/15: Land off Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 225 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school but is located in Melton Mowbray which has a number of schools in the town. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and minor positive scores in relation to access to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	Nearby open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are no open spaces and sports facilities within walking distance (600m) of the site. The nearest sports facility is Melton Mowbray Town Bowls Club located 935m north east of the site and the nearest public open space is Kirby Fields Play Area located 1225m east of the site. There is a footpath 400m north of the site that leads towards the main urban area of Melton Mowbray, this route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/170/15: Cowman's Yard, Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the site is located in Melton Mowbray which has a number of schools with the nearest being 806m away. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in</p>

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		association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	--	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no public transport services nearby; therefore a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an employment site located 396m west of the site; however the site has no public transport services nearby. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the north western edge of Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within LCZ 7: Melton Mowbray Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the medium landscape scale and variable landscape intactness and condition. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Asfordby Hill (candidate Local Wildlife Site) is located 525m east of the site. In addition there is an area [REDACTED] containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 1129m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as greenfield land; however the grade of the Agricultural Land is unknown. The adjacent greenfield land is identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location may result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain as the grade of the land is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing, education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1, 2 and 4). Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities, relatively good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	Nearby open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are no open spaces and sports facilities within walking distance (600m) of the site. The nearest sports facility Howell Sports Ground located 1080m south west of the site and the nearest public open space Horseguards Way Play Area located 655m north east of the site. There are also not any public rights of way or health facilities within walking distance to the site. However as the site is identified to be in the town of Melton Mowbray which has a number of facilities, an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 9: social inclusion and 15: energy efficiency. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 3: transport and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/179/15: Land adjacent to Melton Spinney Road, Thorpe Arnold (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 30 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the site is located in Melton Mowbray which has a number of schools with the nearest being Brownlow Primary School located 817m away. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 600m south of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and	--?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Thorpe Arnold Northwest in the Areas

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact historic character and complex landscape pattern created by vegetation and undulating topography. A large part of the site is within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	Corfe Wet Grassland (Local Wildlife Site) is located 45m south of the site. In addition there is an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 15m east of the site [REDACTED]. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) with a relatively small part of the site along the western site boundary identified as Urban land. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to employment sites (objective 4) and minor positive scores in relation to level of housing the site may provide and access to education (SA objectives 1 and 2). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The nearest amenity greenspace feature is located 250m east of the site and Melton Country Park is located 585m from the site. Doctors Lane Allotments are located 560m from the site. Thorpe Park Recreation Ground contains a football pitch and is located 365m south west of the site. In addition there is a footpath 295m south of the site that leads to Thorpe Arnold and another footpath 485m east of the site that leads north to Melton Spinney Road, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (9%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of

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within the Borough and elsewhere.		SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/186/15: Pera Business Park, Nottingham Road, Melton (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 28 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The Grove Primary School is located 306m south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site directly adjacent to the north of the site and the site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is mostly greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are likely in comparison to development on brownfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Bull Field (Local Wildlife Site) is located 709m south west of the site. In addition [REDACTED] there is an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 980m north east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land; however it is classed as Urban land therefore development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace features are located on Nottingham Road 178m away and Weavers Green located 250m away. The Crescent Play area is located 279m north east of the site which are also adjacent to the Crescent Allotments. Egerton Park Sports Ground contains a football and cricket pitch and is located 475m south west of the site. In addition there is a footpath on the outside edge of the southern site boundary that leads to Sysonby Grange Lane, this route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the site is not within walking distance

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		(600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with the highest level of access possible to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation and 15: energy efficiency. There were no potential significant negative effects identified for this site in relation to the SA objectives.</p>		

Old Dalby Site Options

MBC/009/16: North Lodge Farm, Longcliff Hill, Old Dalby (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 88 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	<p>++?</p>	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The Old Dalby Church of England Primary School is located 142m south east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The site is located in Old Dalby and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Old Dalby North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge, established within the valley bowl contours of the landscape as experienced within views from the LCZ. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. It is noted that a third of the site has been developed for farming purposes. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace features are located on Derdale Hill located 120m south west of the site and a childrens play area on Church Lane located 320m south from site. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located 130m south from site. There is a footpath following the boundary of the site, this route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/018/16: Longcliffe Hill House (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 35 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The Old Dalby Church of England Primary School is located 247m south east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 585m south west of the site and

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Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. It is noted that a small section on the southern edge of the site has been developed for residential purposes. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace features are located on Derdale Hill located 86m south of the site and a childrens play area on Church Lane located 334m south from site. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located 190m south east from site. There is a footpath following the north and west boundary of the site, this route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/171/15: Debdale Hill Field, Old Dalby (reserve site in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 33 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 391m from Old Dalby Church of England Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 357m south west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Old Dalby and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Old Dalby West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the localised complexity of the landscape pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There is an area identified as [REDACTED] containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 1040m west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace features are located on Derdale Hill located 90m east of the site and a childrens play area on Church Lane located 311m south east from site. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located 295m east from site. There is a

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prolong life.		bridleway from the northern boundary of the site leading north and another from the south boundary leading south, this route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/172/15: South Wood Hill field, Old Dalby (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 80 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 385m from Old Dalby Church of England Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 110m west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Old Dalby and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Old Dalby Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium sensitivity to residential development. The existing settlement edge is exposed in part and this could be mitigated through small scale development on this edge. The contours are apparent and form a clear limit to the settlement, although there is some scope for development on the lower slopes. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	<p>████████████████████ Grimston Tunnel Grassland (Local Wildlife Site) is located 1000m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	The site is the subject of a Historic England objection and mitigation is unlikely; therefore a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend to some extent on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace features are located on Main Road located 90m from the site and a childrens play area on Church Lane located 100m from site. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located 310m north east from site. There is a footpath 88m from site leading through Wood's Hill and another 200m away leading south, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 7: historic environments and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/182/15: Main Rd Old Dalby (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 90 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 123m from Old Dalby Church of England Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation,	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 369m east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected

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promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Old Dalby and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Old Dalby North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge, established within the valley bowl contours of the landscape as experienced within views from the LCZ. In addition, the site is within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	██ Sidings (Local Wildlife Site) is located 527m south east of the site adjacent to Grimston Tunnel Grassland. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace features are located on Main Road located 396m from the site and a childrens play area on Church Lane located 370m from site. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located 217m from site. There are two footpaths from the southern site border that lead south and another 50m from the western site border leading north, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. There is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (15%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/046/13: Station Lane, Old Dalby (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 15 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the site is located in Old Dalby in which Old Dalby Church of England Primary School is located. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain depending on whether there is capacity at that school to accommodate additional pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site (Old Dalby Trading Estate) located within 40m of the site to the east and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is an area identified as containing Bat Roosts located within 75m to the south of the site. The closest Local Wildlife Site is Sidings which is located within 380m of the site to the south. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is greenfield land and has been

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resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality. As such the provision of housing at this location may result in the loss of this agricultural land which of moderate quality. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) as well as for both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities as well as the level of housing and access to employment opportunities that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote	0	The site is located within 205m of a footpath which is to the west at Station Road. The close proximity of the site to this public right of way may encourage residents to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport. The site however is not located within walking distance of any open spaces or healthcare facilities. As such an overall negligible

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healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objective 10: deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objective 6: biodiversity and geodiversity. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

Somerby Site Options

MBC/048/13: Land off Burrough Road (reserve site in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 33 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 260m of Somerby Primary School to the east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>This site is within LCZ1: Somerby West as identified in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study¹⁰⁸. This area is classed as being of medium overall sensitivity to development due to the fragmented nature of the expansive landscape and eroded gateway to the settlement. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified. This is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not within an Area of Separation.</p>

¹⁰⁸ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located within 85m a bat roost that has been identified on High Street to the east. The site is also located within 275m of a Local Wildlife Site which has been designated to the west where mesotrophic grasslands are present. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature and designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 2 in terms of agricultural quality. Residential development at this location would therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 150m of an amenity greenspace and children's playground which are located by Burrough Road to the south east. An allotment is located to the east of the site within 130m by The Field. The site is located within 445m of the cemetery at All Saints Somerby Church which is to the south east. The nearest amenity greenspace is located within 470m of the site to the east on High Street. A footpath is located at the north eastern edge of the site and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport given that it links to Burrough Road and High Street to the south east. The site is not located within walk distance (600m) of a healthcare centre but given that Somerby provides access to healthcare centre on Oakham Road it is considered that access from the site to this provision will be reasonable. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located on Burrough Road towards the western boundary of Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/146/14: Football field, Oakham Road (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 27 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 525m of Somerby Primary School to the north west on High Street. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Somerby and has been identified as being within LCZ 4: Somerby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁰⁹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to open character of the landscape which is combined with an eroded cultural pattern. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site contains land which has been identified as being an important area for breeding great crested newts. A bat roost has also been identified within 240m of the site to the north west at High Street. As such the close proximity of the site to these identified features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 3 agricultural quality (it is unclear at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b). As such residential development at this location may result in the loss of high quality agricultural land and a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is within Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment

¹⁰⁹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 175m of Town End Cemetery on Pickwell Road to the north west. The nearest amenity greenspace is located within 445m of the site to the north west also on Pickwell Road. A semi-natural greenspace is located within 290m of the site to the north west by High Street. A cemetery is provided at All Saints Church which is within 345m of the site to the north west. A footpath is accessible to the north of the site within 115m and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport given that it links to Pickwell Road and Oakham Road to the north west and west respectively. The site is located within 35m of Somerby Surgery which is to the north on Oakham Road. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located on Oakham Road towards the eastern boundary of Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/023/16: Land off High Street (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 42 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.

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to education.		The site is located 95m from Somerby Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Somerby and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Somerby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the open character of the landscape with eroded cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is an area consisting of breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 95m east of the site [REDACTED]. In addition there are three Local Wildlife Sites within a 550m proximity to the site; the Earthworks Grasslands, Somerby Meadow and Southfields Farm. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.

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enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a Agricultural Quality. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This would result in an overall significant negative effect.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, the site was given a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed (significant positive/minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as mainly greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. It is noted that there are a few small buildings located on site. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature and a childrens play area located in the north west corner of the site and also Mill Lane Allotments located 140m north from site. There is an area of semi natural greenspace located 275m north east from site along the High Street and another amenity greenspace feature 180m away. There is a bridleway following the western site boundary of the site leading south and another following the eastern site boundary also leading south, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. In addition Somerby Surgery is located 470m east of the site. As such an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local

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MBC/024/16: Land off Manor Lane (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 212 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 201m from Somerby Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Somerby and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Somerby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the open character of the landscape with eroded cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is 25m from an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts [REDACTED]. There are three Local Wildlife Sites located nearby; Southfields Farm is 265m south, the Earthworks Grasslands is 495m north west and Somerby Meadow is 595m north. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as mainly Grade 3b Agricultural Quality, although a third of the northern sector of the site is Grade 3a Agricultural Quality. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This would result in an overall significant negative effect.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed (significant positive/minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular but also considering the limitations of

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inclusion.		the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature and a childrens play area located within a 120m proximity north of the site and also Mill Lane Allotments located 260m north from site. There is an area of semi natural greenspace located 322m north east from site along the High Street and another amenity greenspace feature 240m away. In addition Somerby Surgery is located 466m from the site. There is a bridleway on the site from north to south and another following the eastern site boundary also leading south, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However this use may be lost if development was to proceed at this location. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood

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change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 10: poverty and deprivation and 14: health (although scores for objective 10 and 14 are part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 14: health (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/035/16: Somerby Equestrian Centre, Newbold Lane (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 41 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance of a school (600m), however the village the site is located in (Somerby) has a school located 697m north west of the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Somerby and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Somerby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the open character of the landscape with eroded cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There are probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located on the western half of the site [REDACTED]. In addition Southfields Farm Local Wildlife Site is located 307m south of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also	--	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as mainly Grade 3b agricultural land quality although a small section to the west and south of the site has been identified as Grade 3a

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maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		agricultural land quality. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This would result in an overall significant negative effect.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The nearest greenspace feature is located 370m north west of the site on Town End and another 488m from the site on the High Street. There is an area of semi-natural greenspace located 426m north west of the site along the High Street. In

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prolong life.		addition Somerby Surgery is located 140m north west of the site. There is a footpath 25m east of the site from Knossington Road and another 110m north of the site, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However this use may be lost if development was to proceed at this location. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 14: health. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

Stathern Site Options

MBC/012/16: Pasture Lane/Mill Hill (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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present and future residents of the Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 135m east from Stathern Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>The site is located in Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Stathern West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the relatively expansive, open landscape and little topographic variation, with some distinctive features including ridge and furrow and prominent views out of the settlement. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located 218m west from a potential Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of Rundle Beck Willows and 428m from Mill Hill Grasslands (pLWS). [REDACTED]. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as mainly greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted that there is a building in the northern sector of the site.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Water Lane located 142m from site and there is a childrens play area located 160m north west of the site. In addition Penn Lane Allotments are located 217m north of the site. There is not a sports facility within walking distance (600m) from the site. There is a footpath 48m south east from site which leads south and another 150m south of site which leads west, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Stathern does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (11%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/025/16: Pasture Lane/Mill Hill (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 30 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 200m north from Stathern Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Stathern South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly exposed nature of this landscape, on sloping landform beyond the defined settlement edge. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located 158m east from a potential Local Wildlife Site (Mill Hill grasslands) [REDACTED]. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature (The Crescent) located 80m north from site and there is a childrens play area located 240m north of the site on Water Lane. In addition Penn Lane Allotments are located 510m from the site. There is not a sports facility within walking distance (600m) from the site. There is a footpath 150m north east of the site towards Tofts Hill and another 170m from site leading to Waltham Lane, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Stathern does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/030/16: Mill Hill (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 70 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 200m south west from Stathern Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be</p>

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		provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Stathern North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium to low sensitivity to residential development due to the generally expansive nature of the landscape with few vulnerable features and a poorly integrated settlement edge, although areas of original vernacular settlement edge would be more sensitive by virtue of their intactness. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located 25m south from a potential Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of Mature Ash Trees on Tofts Hill and also 100m from Mill Hill grasslands (pLWS). [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.

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enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted that there is a small section of the south west corner of the site that appears to have been developed for farming purposes.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Water Lane located 186m from site and there is a childrens play area located 165m west of the site. In addition Penn Lane Allotments are located 373m of the site. There is not a sports facility within walking distance (600m) from the site. There is a footpath 185m south of the site leading to Stathern Wood and another 274m away from Blacksmith End leading north, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Stathern does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/031/16: Blacksmith End (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 28 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 437m from Stathern Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and	-?	The site is located in Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Stathern North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium to low

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character of the landscape.		sensitivity to residential development due to the generally expansive nature of the landscape with few vulnerable features and a poorly integrated settlement edge, although areas of original vernacular settlement edge would be more sensitive by virtue of their intactness. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Stathern Wood is a potential Local Wildlife Site located 389m east of the site [REDACTED]. Another potential Local Wildlife Site nearby is Mill Hill grasslands which is located 485m south of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Water Lane located 395m from site and there is a childrens play area located 393m south of the site. In addition Penn Lane Allotments are located 303m from the site. There is not a sports facility within walking distance (600m) from the site. There is a footpath 90m away from Blacksmith End which leads a number of directions, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Stathern does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/041/16: Land adjacent to Laveslesy House, 14 City Road (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 17 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located 410m from Stathern Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether there is capacity at that school to accommodate additional pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Stathern West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the relatively expansive, open landscape and little topographic variation, with some distinctive features including ridge and furrow and prominent views out of the settlement. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is a potential Local Wildlife Site located 90m south west of the site due to the presence of Rundle Beck Willows and another Local Wildlife Site located 710m north west of the site which is a disused railway from Stathern Road to Harby Lane. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating

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inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Water Lane located 381m from site and there is a childrens play area located 408m south east of the site. In addition Penn Lane Allotments are located 212m from the site. There is not a sports facility within walking distance (600m) from the site. There is a footpath 208m south east of the site which leads to Main Street and another 226m north east of the site from Penn Lane, these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Stathern does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/195/15: Land between Harby Lane, Penn Lane and Long Lane (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 350 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.

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to education.		The site is located 517m from Stathern Primary School. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Stathern West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the relatively expansive, open landscape and little topographic variation, with some distinctive features including ridge and furrow and prominent views out of the settlement, although areas of original vernacular settlement edge would be more sensitive by virtue of their intactness. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is located 90m from a potential Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of Rundle Beck Willows and 157m from a disused railway from Stathern Road to Halby Lane which is a candidate Local Wildlife Site. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Water Lane located 500m from site and there is a childrens play area located 526m from the site. In addition Penn Lane Allotments are located 320m from the site. However there is not a sports facility within walking distance (600m) from the site. There is a bridleway 208m west of the site and 295m east of the site from Blacksmith End, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Stathern does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

Thorpe Arnold Site Options

MBC/010/16: Land to the North West of Thorpe Road, (A607) (reserve site in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 48 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Thorpe Arnold Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact historic character and complex landscape pattern created by vegetation and undulating topography. The site is also just within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	there is also an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 540m west of the site. In addition Brentingby Lodge Farm Meadow (Local Wildlife Site) is located 689m east of the site and Melton Country Park is another Local Wildlife Site located 977m west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment (SA objectives 1 and 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the access to employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the distance to

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inclusion.		education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 730m west from site on Hunts Drive and Doctors Lane Allotments are located 1098m from site. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 300m north east of the site and another sports facility is Thorpe Road Recreation Ground which has a football pitch located 900m south west from site. There is a footpath on the western site boundary and another from the eastern site boundary leading east to Woodfold Lane, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 3: transport. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/011/16: Land to the South East of Thorpe Road, (A607) (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 27 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment (SA objectives 1 and 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the access to employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the distance to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 845m north west from site on Hunts Drive and Doctors Lane Allotments are located 1161m from site. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 395m north east of the site and another sports facility is Thorpe Road Recreation

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prolong life.		Ground which has a football pitch located 923m south west from site. There is a footpath on the northern site boundary leading east to Woodfold Lane and another 120m west of the site that leads north, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 3: transport. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/066/13: Land at Lag Lane, Thorpe Arnold (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 121 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	-?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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<p>culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, this effect is also recorded as uncertain as it is not known if new school places could be provided in association with the development of this site. Although there is no school at Thorpe Arnold where the site is located, it is noted that the site is located within 950m of Brownlow School in Melton Mowbray.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	++	<p>The site has been assessed as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	++	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 112m west of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--?	<p>The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Melton Mowbray Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the southern area's function in providing separation between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold, its small scale and sense of intactness within the tributary valley which runs between the two areas of settlement. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	██████████ there is ██████ an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 613m north west of the site. In addition Melton Country Park (Local Wildlife Site) is located 945m north west of the site and Corfe Wet Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located 375m north west of the site. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land; however the grade of the Agricultural Land is unknown. Adjacent greenfield land has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land quality; therefore a minor negative effect on this SA objective is most likely. The negative effect is recorded uncertain as the grade of the land within this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity to employment opportunities as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the distance to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

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		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 395m north east of the site. There is a footpath 394m south east of the site that leads to Brentingby, and this route may encourage residents to walk day to day. However, the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 5: landscape. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/154/15a: Thorpe Arnold outskirts of Melton (land east of Melton Spinney Road) (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 145 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, this effect is also recorded as uncertain as it is not known if new school places could be provided in association with the development of this site. Although there is no school at Thorpe Arnold where the site is located, it is noted that the site is located within 857m of Brownlow School in Melton Mowbray.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 600m south west of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Thorpe Arnold Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact historic character and complex landscape pattern created by vegetation and undulating topography. A large part of the site is within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is [REDACTED] an area located 67m west of the site has been identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. In addition there are two Local Wildlife Sites within close proximity to the site; Corfe Wet Grassland is located 50 south west of the site and Melton Country Park is located 495m west of the site. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if most of this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality (a small section along the southern site boundary has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land quality); therefore high quality agricultural land may be lost to development. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity to education facilities and employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the distance to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 505m north east of the site. There is an amenity greenspace feature located 315m west of the site on Hunts Drive. Another sports facility is Thorpe Road Recreation Ground located 407m south west of the site. There is a footpath along the eastern site boundary leading north and another 205m east of the site, these routes may encourage residents to walk day to day. However, the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms

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maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (39%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/154/15b: Thorpe Arnold, outskirts of Melton Mowbray (Land to the South of A607) (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 187 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 586m of Brownlow School in Melton Mowbray. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 200m south of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ3: Thorpe Arnold Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ3 has a high sensitivity to residential development due to the historic character of the slopes and the landscape function in providing separation between the wooded edge of Thorpe Arnold and modern development on the edge of Melton Mowbray. In addition, the site is within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	[REDACTED] an area located 207m north west of the site has been identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. In addition there are two Local Wildlife Sites within close proximity to the site; Corfe Wet Grassland is located directly adjacent to the north west of the site and Melton Country Park is located 550m west of the site. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if most of this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality (a small section along the centre of the southern site boundary has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land quality); therefore high quality agricultural land may be lost to development. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing, education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1, 2 and 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities, the good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 505m north east of the site. Another sports facility is Thorpe Road Recreation Ground located 280m west of the site. There is an amenity greenspace feature located 467m north west of the site on Hunts Drive and Melton Country Park Trim Trail is a childrens play area located 600m west of the site. There is a footpath from the north east corner of the site towards the south west, this route may encourage residents to walk day to day. However, the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible effect/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective, as it is uncertain whether the recreational asset (footpath) could be lost.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3b) but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use and 14: health (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation		

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and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/154/15c: Thorpe Arnold, outskirts of Melton Mowbray (Land to the South East of Thorpe Road, (A607) (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 94 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>There is not a school within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Thrope Arnold. As such given the great distance of the site to a school a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the capacity of schools to accommodate new pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Melton Mowbray Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ2 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the southern area's function in providing separation between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold, its small scale and sense of intactness within the tributary valley which runs between the two areas of settlement. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	[REDACTED] an area located 736m west of the site has been identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. In addition there are two Local Wildlife Sites within close proximity to the site; Corfe Wet Grassland is located 617m west of the site and Brentingby Lodge Farm Meadow is located 300m east of the site. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if most of this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality (a small section along the western site boundary has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land); therefore high quality agricultural land may be lost to development. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide as well as the close proximity of the site to employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 108m north of the site. There is a footpath from the centre of the west of the site towards the east, this route may encourage residents to walk day to day. However, the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible effect/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective, as it is uncertain whether the recreational asset (footpath) could be lost.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (8%); therefore development here could have a significant negative effect on flooding although this is uncertain. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 3: transport and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity, 8: land use, 14: health (although score is part of a mixed effect overall) and 16: flood risk. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/173/15: Avahan, Waltham Road, Thorpe Arnold, Melton Mowbray (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 4 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known if new school places may be provided in association with this development.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site, however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Thorpe Arnold Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact historic character and complex landscape pattern created by vegetation and undulating topography. Part of the site is within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	[REDACTED] there is an area that contains breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 444m north west of the site. In addition, Corfe Wet Grassland (Local Wildlife Site) is located 275m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on mainly greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) with a relatively small section along the western site boundary identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity to employment sites but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted that a small section of the centre of the site appears to be developed although overall the site is considered to be greenfield.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is a footpath 55m south from the site that leads to Thorpe Road and another 123m north from site leading to Tumbledown Farm, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: A potential significant positive effect was identified for this site in relation to SA objective 3: transport. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/174/15: The Holding, Waltham Road, Thorpe Arnold (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 44 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 600m south of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Thorpe Arnold Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact historic character and complex landscape pattern created by vegetation and undulating topography. In addition, the site is within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	there is an area that contains breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 224m north west of the site. In addition, Corfe Wet Grassland (Local Wildlife Site) is located 62m south west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on mainly greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land; although a third of the site is Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with reasonable access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity to employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted that a small section of the site has been developed but the site is primarily greenfield land.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity green space feature is located 478m north west of the site on Hunts Drive and Thorpe Road Recreation Ground which has a football pitch is located 495m south west of site. There is a footpath 60m south east of the site that leads to Thorpe Road and another 132m north from site leading to Tumbledown Farm, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 3: transport, 4: employment and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

Waltham on the Wolds Site Options

MBC/164/15: Land East of Melton Road, Waltham on the Wolds (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 88 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 210m of Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School to the north west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the southern western edge of Waltham on the Wolds and has been identified as being within the LCZ5: Waltham on the Wolds South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹¹⁰ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the largely intact landscape character, the presence of rare historic landscape elements and the relative intricacy of landscape scale and pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 410m of a bat roost which has been identified to the north by High Street. As such the relative proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land and development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. An overall significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

¹¹⁰ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 250m of St Mary Magdalene Church on High Street which provides access to an allotment and a cemetery. An amenity greenspace can be accessed within 420m to the north by Melton Road. A children's playground is located within 420m of the site to the north west on Goadby Road. Two footpaths run from the western edge of the site across Melton Road and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. Two footpaths run

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
		within the boundaries of the site and given that development at this location may result in the loss of these uses an uncertain significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Waltham on the Wolds does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located by Melton Road towards the southern edge of Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion, 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/055/13: Land adjacent of Bescaby Lane, Waltham on the Wolds (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 87 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 535m of Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the north eastern edge of Waltham on the Wolds and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Waltham on the Wolds Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹¹¹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the simple landscape pattern and its eroded nature as well as the presence of 'edge' influences in the area. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is adjacent to Bescaby Lane Grassland Local Wildlife Site. Additionally the site is located within 135m of Stonesby Quarry SSSI which is to the north east. As such the close proximity of the site to these designations may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education

¹¹¹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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inclusion.		facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 110m of an allotment on High Street to the south. The site is also located within 305m of St Mary Magdalene Church to the west on High Street which provides access to an allotment and a cemetery. An amenity greenspace can be accessed within 380m to the west by Melton Road. The site is located within 65m of a footpath which links to Bescaby Lane to the south and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Waltham on the Wolds does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located by Bescaby Lane towards the north eastern edge of Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/192/15: Land at Manor Farm, rear of High Street, Waltham on the Wolds (reserve site in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 168 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 185m of Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Waltham on the Wolds and has been identified as being within the LCZ 4: Waltham on the Wolds Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹¹² commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the simple landscape pattern, landscape scale and presence of 'edge' influences in the area. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 60m of an area which has been identified as breeding location for great crested newts to the north east. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	--	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as mostly Grade 2 Agricultural Land (some of the site to the north east has been identified as being on Grade 3 agricultural quality land) and development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land

¹¹² Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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enhancing soil quality.		being lost to another use. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to both education (SA objective 2) and housing (SA objective 1) and a minor positive in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective particularly in relation to the good level of access the site provides to education opportunities and also the level of housing potentially supplied at this location but also considering the good level of access to employment opportunities this site provides.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 55m of St Mary Magdalene Church on High Street which provides access to an allotment and a cemetery to the north west. Another allotment is located to the north of the site within 30m by High Street. An amenity greenspace can be accessed within 290m to the north west by Melton Road. A children's playground is located within 415m of the site to

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		the north west on Goadby Road. Three footpaths run from the western and southern edges of the site respectively and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. Two footpaths run within the boundaries of the site and given that development at this location may result in the loss of these uses an uncertain significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Waltham on the Wolds does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing, 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/054/13: Land at 48 High Street, Waltham on the Wolds (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 26 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 390m of Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School to the west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	<p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	<p>This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study¹¹³ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 130m of an area which has been identified as breeding location for great crested newts to the east. A bat roost has also been identified in close proximity to the site on High Street within 240m to the north west. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 80m of an allotment on High Street to the east. The site is also located within 145m of St Mary Magdalene Church to the west on High Street which provides access to an allotment and a cemetery. An amenity greenspace can be accessed within 325m to the north west by Melton Road. A footpath runs along the southern edge of the site towards High Street in the east and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Waltham on the Wolds does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/140/13: Land east of Melton Rd, WOTW (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 18 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School is located 140m north of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an employment site,

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Waltham and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Waltham on the Wolds Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the simple landscape pattern, landscape scale and presence of 'edge' influences. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located 570m from an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts [REDACTED]. Waltham Grassland East (Local Wildlife Site) is located 659m west of the site and another Local Wildlife Site (Bescaby Lane Grassland) is located 914m north east of the site. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is located within 175m of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation and a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to access to housing and employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as mainly greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted that a small section of the site appears to be developed for farming/industrial purposes but it is classed as primarily greenfield land.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity green space feature located on Melton Road 419m north of the site. Mill Lane Allotments are located 245m north of the site and Waltham Playing Fields which contains a football and cricket pitch are located 493m from the site. However, there is a footpath that passes through the centre of the site from north to south and while this may encourage residents to walk more day to day, the footpath could be lost to development. The village of Waltham does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible effect/uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective, as it is uncertain whether the recreational asset (footpath) could be lost.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also	++	The site is located within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 14: health (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/019/16: Land to the North of Goadby Road (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 88 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School is located 331m south of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site, however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Waltham on the Wolds and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Waltham on the Wolds Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the small scale, intact co-axial enclosures and the intricacy of the landscape pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There is an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 513m south east of the site [REDACTED]. In addition there are a number of Local Wildlife Sites within the area, Bescaby Lane Grassland (Local Wildlife Site) is located 509m east of the site and Waltham Grassland West Local Wildlife Site is located 860m south west of the site. In addition Stonesby Quarry SSSI is located 782m east of the site. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is within a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 2-4 Agricultural Land Quality as the area contains every type of soil pattern from clay to sand. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective as the area does contain Grade 2 Agricultural Land; therefore high quality agricultural land would be lost to development.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to access to housing and employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity green space feature located at the Village Hall 51m south west of the site and another 40m south of the site on Melton Road. Mill Lane Allotments are located 273m south of the site and Waltham Playing Fields which contains a football and cricket pitch is located 68m from the site. There is a bridleway 40m north east of the site that leads towards Croxton Park and another 50m south of the site that leads towards Wycomb, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Waltham does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 9: social inclusion. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/020/16: Land west of Mere Rd, WOTW (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 18 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School is located 506m south west of the site. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site, however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and	-?	The site is located in Waltham on the Wolds and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Waltham on the Wolds Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the

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character of the landscape.		Council. LCZ2 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the simplicity and eroded nature of the landscape pattern and existing 'edge' influences, offset by the exposed visual character and areas of ridge and furrow, which would be far more sensitive. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There is an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 260m south east of the site [REDACTED]. In addition, Bescaby Lane Grassland Local Wildlife Site located 366m east of the site and Stonesby Quarry SSSI is located 413m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is within a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 2-4 Agricultural Land Quality as the area contains every type of soil pattern from clay to sand. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall as the area does contain Grade 2 Agricultural Land; therefore high quality agricultural land would be lost to development.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to access to housing and employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity green space feature located on Melton Road 206m south west of the site and another 444m away by the Village Hall. Mill Lane Allotments are located 341m south of the site and Waltham Playing Fields which contains a football and cricket pitch is located 461m from the site. There is a bridleway from the northern site boundary that leads towards Croxton Park and another 345m south west of the site that leads towards Wycomb - these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However the village of Waltham does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: social inclusion and 10: poverty and deprivation. A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/053/13: Land rear of 19 High St, Waltham on the Wolds (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 415m of Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School which is to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on the capacity of that school to accommodate additional pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located more than 600m from an existing employment site. It has, however, been assessed as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such residents at this location would be likely to have a good level of access to employment opportunities further afield and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	There is an area identified as containing Bat Roosts located within 200m at St Mary Magdalene's Church to the west of the site. A probable Great Crested Newt breeding pond is located within 185m of the site to the south east. The closest Local Wildlife Site is Bescaby Lane Grassland which is located within 465m of the site to the south. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through sterilisation or restriction. The site is also located on mostly greenfield land (although some of the southern part of the site has been developed to facilitate a hard standing and a smaller dwelling) which has been identified as containing land which is of Grade 2 to Grade 4 quality in terms of its agricultural land classification. Development at this location could therefore result in very good quality agricultural land (that which is Grade 2 quality) being lost to another use. As such an overall significant negative effect is recorded on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing and access to employment opportunities that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (although some of the southern portion of the site has been developed to facilitate a hard standing and a smaller dwelling); therefore development at this location would present very limited, if any, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials which would be more likely to be present at brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Allotments are located at Mill Lane and at High Street to the south west within 160m and to the south east within 210m respectively. Melton Road Amenity Greenspace is located within 240m of the site to the west. The closest children's play area is located within 440m of the site at Goadby Road to the west. A footpath is located within 140m of the site to the south and this routes runs towards the east to Stonesby Road. The site is however not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and no healthcare centre is located within Waltham on the Wolds. Overall a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy	++	The site is located within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services,

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efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on mainly greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education, 3: transport, 9: community facilities and 10: deprivation. Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

Wymondham site options

MBC/070/13: Land known as Brickyard Lane, Wymondham (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 119 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 145m of St Peter's Church of England Primary School to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the northern edge of Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ 1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹¹⁴ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should be of

¹¹⁴ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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		an appropriate scale, contained by existing landform and features, and should respect the linear character of the settlement contained in the valley setting. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 170m and 205m of bat roosts to the south east on Main Street and to the east on Butt Lane respectively. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. As such residential development at this location may result in the loss of high quality agricultural land and a potential significant negative effect is identified overall although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is mainly Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and housing provision (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities, as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 60m of an amenity greenspace on Main Street to the south. An allotment is located within 310m of the site to the south east also on Main Street. The site is located within 335m of the cemetery on Nurses Lane which is to the south east. The nearest footpath is located to the south of the site within 80m and this route may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Wymondham does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located by Main Street on the northern edge of Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

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improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/056/13: Glebe Road, Wymondham (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small in terms of its capacity and has been identified as being able to accommodate 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 65m of St Peter's Church of England Primary School to the north. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ 1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹¹⁵ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should be of an appropriate scale, contained by existing landform and features, and should respect the linear character of the settlement contained in the valley setting. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 370m and 480m of bat roosts to the east on Main Street and on Nurses Lane respectively. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	--?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 3 in terms of agricultural quality (it is unknown at this stage if this land is Grade 3a or 3b quality). As such residential development at this location may result in the loss of high quality agricultural land and a potential significant negative effect is identified overall although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is mainly Grade 3a or 3b.

¹¹⁵ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 235m of an amenity greenspace on Main Street to the north east. An allotment is located within 550m of the site to the east also on Main Street. The site is located within 500m of the cemetery on Nurses Lane which is also to east. The site is bordered by footpaths at its north western corner by Glebe Road and north eastern corner by Rookery Lane

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		and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Wymondham does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located between Glebe Road and Rookery Lane on the western edge of Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/068/13: Land known as Gills Field, Rookery Lane, Wymondham (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 24 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is located within 150m of St Peter's Church of England Primary School to the north east. As such given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on capacity.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The site is located towards the southern edge of Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ 3: Wymondham South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study¹¹⁶ commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to the mostly strong sense of detachment from the existing settlement edge and the persisting historic landscape pattern which is evident close to the current settlement boundary. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design</p>

¹¹⁶ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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		guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development brought forward should be small scale, respond to the historic settlement form and important landscape features that contain the existing built edge within the valley landscape, and be well integrated. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 245m of a bat roost to the east on Main Street. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 3 in terms of agricultural quality (it is unknown at this stage if this land is Grade 3a or 3b quality). As such residential development at this location may result in the loss of high quality agricultural land and a potential significant negative effect is identified overall although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is mainly Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 135m of an amenity greenspace on Main Street to the north east. An allotment is located within 420m of the site to the north east also on Main Street. The site is located within 355m of the cemetery on Nurses Lane which is also to east. The site is bordered by footpaths at its north western corner which leads to Rookery Lane and north eastern corner by Bursnells Lane and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more activity modes of transport. The site however contains a footpath within its boundary and this use may be lost if development proceeds at this location; as such an uncertain significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Wymondham does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located between Rookery Lane and Polka Way within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 8: land use (although this score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.		

MBC/018/13 Land off Butt Lane (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 9 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils. St Peter's Church of England Primary School is located 501m west of the site. As such an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether there is capacity at the school to accommodate additional pupils.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature located 233m south west of the site and allotments located 135m from the site, both open spaces are on Main Street. There is a footpath 140m north from the site that leads to Wymondham Road and another 236m away leading north, these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there are no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Wymondham, therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given

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emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). A potential significant negative effect was identified in relation to SA objective 8: land use. This issue will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/072/13: The Station Yard (allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 12 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>St Peter's Church of England Primary School is located 357m south west of the site. As such an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether there is capacity at the school to accommodate additional pupils.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the often small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Wymondham Hedgerow is a potential Local Wildlife Site located 603m east of the site and another Local Wildlife Site is Wymondham Grassland located 689m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	0	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect.

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heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as greenfield land; however the grade of the Agricultural Land is unknown. Nearby greenfield land has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a potential minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain as the Agricultural Land Quality of this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature located 171m south west of the site and allotments located 200m from the site, both open spaces are on Main Street. There is a footpath 60m north from the site that leads to Wymondham Road and another 236m away leading north, these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there are no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Wymondham, therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/067/13: Land know as Gills Fields (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been identified as being able to accommodate 178 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>The site is not within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the village of Wymondham where the site is located does have a school. As such an overall minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having very infrequent public transport services nearby or is more than 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	--	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has very infrequent public transport services nearby or is more than 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and	--?	The site is located in Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ3: Wymondham South in the Areas of

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ3 has a high sensitivity to residential development due to the mostly strong sense of detachment from the existing settlement edge (and prominent, elevated lands to the south). The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	[REDACTED] In addition there are a number of Local Wildlife Site surrounding the site including Edmondthorpe Drift Hedgerow (cLWS) located 550m east of the site and Wymondham Hedgerow (pLWS) 215m north of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as greenfield land and although the grade of the Agricultural Land is unknown, nearby greenfield land has been classified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a potential minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain as the Agricultural Land Quality of this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/--	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2). However a significant negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/significant negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide in particular as well as the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	There is a bridleway along the western boundary of the site that leads to Edmondthorpe, which may enable residents to partake in walking and cycling. However, there are no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Wymondham; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.
<p>Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 1: housing and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 4: employment, 5: landscape, 6: biodiversity and geodiversity and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.</p>		

MBC/069/13: Land known as The Adcocks (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small in terms of its capacity and has been identified as being able to accommodate 36 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>St Peter's Church of England Primary School is located 349m south east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	-	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having very infrequent public transport services nearby or is more than 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	--	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has very infrequent public transport services nearby or is more than 400m of a bus stop. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the often small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	[REDACTED]. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with disturbance and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/--	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1), however a significant negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/significant negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is a footpath 175m south of the site that leads west towards Saxby, and this route may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there are no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Wymondham, therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce

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maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 4: employment, 5: landscape and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

MBC/071/13: Land known as Brickyard Lane (not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been identified as being able to accommodate 23 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments, which is unknown at this stage. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential site options, although there are uncertainties as the effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <p>St Peter's Church of England Primary School is located 372m south west of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this effect is recorded as uncertain as it is not known whether new school places could be provided in association with this development.</p>

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site, however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the often small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	[REDACTED] In addition Wymondham Grassland (a Local Wildlife Site) is located 805m east of the site. As such, the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as greenfield land and although the grade of the Agricultural Land of most of the site is unknown, a section of the north eastern corner of the site has been identified as Grade 3b. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective overall although there is some uncertainty attached depending on the quality of land in the rest of the site.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the potential residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity green space feature located 232m south of the site by the Village Hall and allotments located on Main Street 357m south east of the site. There is a footpath 25m east of the site leading north towards Wymondham Road and another 473m south of the site from Nurses Lane, and these routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. However there are no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Wymondham; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected.

Summary of SA findings: Potential significant positive effects were identified for this site in relation to SA objectives 2: education and 10: poverty and deprivation (although score is part of a mixed effect overall). Potential significant negative effects were identified in relation to SA objectives 5: landscape and 8: land use. These issues will need to be considered further in terms of mitigation and/or enhancement, which may be achieved through Local Plan policies.

Appendix 7

Detailed SA Matrices for the Large-Scale Site Options

Melton East (Direction of Growth) – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
<p>1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>The development of this area could provide for around 1,000 new homes. While this figure is lower than for some of the other large-scale development site options in Melton, it will still go some way towards meeting the Borough’s housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036¹¹⁷.</p> <p>Although the scale of development that could come forward at this SUE is smaller than at some of the other options, it is of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development¹¹⁸. Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this objective.</p>
<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	<p>++/--?</p>	<p>This site would be developed as a direction of growth, directly adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough’s existing schools, particularly at secondary level. Therefore, opportunities to access existing schools in the town via sustainable modes of transport are likely to be good. The nearest existing school to the site is Brownlow Primary School in Melton Mowbray, approximately 420m to the west, so within reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m). Sherard Primary School is also just within 600m to the south west of the direction of growth, and Birch Wood School (Melton Area Special School) is within 600m to the south.</p> <p>However, focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing schools such as these ones becoming overloaded, particularly as the direction of growth is less able to incorporate the provision of services such as a primary school in comparison to other large-scale growth options in the Borough.</p> <p>A mixed (potential significant positive and significant negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places can eventually be delivered as part of the development of the site.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>This site would be developed as a direction of growth, immediately adjacent to the eastern edge of Melton Mowbray, which means that opportunities to walk, cycle and use public transport are likely to be good. As well as there being a fast and frequent bus service into the town centre, connections can be made to locations further afield from Melton Mowbray station which is within approximately 880m to the west of the site. There are existing public transport routes that run through the potential development area including the</p>

¹¹⁷ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

¹¹⁸ Melton Borough Council (2015) Local Plan: Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options

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cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		<p>55/56 bus service along the B676 between Grantham and Buckminster. The journey time to Melton town centre is less than 15 minutes.</p> <p>Unlike some of the other large-scale site options, this site is unlikely to contribute to the implementation of a Melton Mowbray by-pass. While this may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre are lost, the potential effects of a bypass in terms of facilitating convenient car use, which may mean that modal shift is more difficult to achieve, would also not occur.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to existing employment opportunities in Melton Mowbray should mean that residents at the direction of growth are able to access employment opportunities there without using a car, and with a short journey that can be undertaken on foot or by bicycle.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect on this objective is likely.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+/-	<p>The development of this direction of growth is not expected to incorporate employment development; therefore it would not increase the number of jobs available in the Borough. However, the proximity of the direction of growth to Melton Mowbray would mean that residents would have good access to the job opportunities that are concentrated there, and could use the railway station which is within 1km to the west to access jobs further afield. This will be particularly beneficial for people without a car. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The rural character of Melton Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. Although this direction of growth is adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray, the landscape character zone (LCZ) to the east of the town which this site lies partly within has been classified as being of medium to high sensitivity by virtue of the intactness of much of the valley landscape and the historic landscape character¹¹⁹. However, there are areas within the LCZ that are less sensitive as a result of intrusions such as the industrialised western edge and the railway line which borders the southern edge of the direction of growth.</p> <p>In addition, the northern part of the direction of growth would extend within the Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold and so could contribute to the coalescence of those settlements. The development would also comprise large-scale development on greenfield land and would significantly alter the form of the eastern edge of Melton Mowbray and the wider setting of the town.</p> <p>As such, a significant negative effect on this SA objective is likely, although this is uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential to</p>

¹¹⁹ Influence Environmental (2015), Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity & Local Green Space Study

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		mitigate these effects to some extent.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	<p>The area in which this site is located is less constrained than some parts of Melton Borough in relation to designated biodiversity and geodiversity features; however there may be undesignated habitats and species of value in the area. There are no designated sites such as SSSIs or Local Wildlife Sites within the potential direction of growth; however there are Local Wildlife Sites within close proximity including Corfe Wet Grassland to the north, Mars Petcare, River Eye to the south Hall Farm, Brentingby to the east. In addition, a number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have been identified within this area, to the east and north west of the direction of growth.</p> <p>The development of this large area of mainly greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity. However, it is noted that the site is less able to provide substantial green infrastructure in comparison to some of the alternative options.</p> <p>Therefore, an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may include the provision of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	<p>There are no designated heritage features within this potential direction of growth, although there are a large number of listed buildings within 1km to the west, in Melton Mowbray and even closer in Thorpe Arnold to the north. Therefore, the development of this land for large scale development on greenfield land could have an impact on the wider setting of these heritage features.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified although this is uncertain and will depend on factors such as the design of the development.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	<p>This area comprises greenfield land and an area in the south of the direction of growth is classified as being of Grade 2 agricultural quality.</p> <p>The direction of growth is also almost entirely within a Mineral Consultation Area for sand and gravel and development could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. Opportunities for prior extraction should be explored if this development is taken forward.</p> <p>A significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	+ +/ -?	<p>This area would be developed as a direction of growth, immediately adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's services and facilities. Therefore, opportunities to access existing services in the town on foot would be good and there is also access to a fast and frequent bus service into the town. Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services and facilities becoming overloaded, particularly as there is uncertainty</p>

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Borough.		<p>about the extent to which new services and facilities would be provided as part of the development. However, development here would also stimulate the existing services in Melton Mowbray and contribute to their ongoing viability.</p> <p>In comparison to other large-scale development site options, there is less potential for the area to be developed as a self-contained development incorporating services and facilities.</p> <p>As such a mixed (potential significant positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain, depending on the extent to which new services and facilities are eventually able to be developed within this site.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	<p>The direction of growth to the east of Melton Mowbray would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in the town; however the scale of the development would mean that new provision is unlikely to be made, increasing the risks of schools becoming overloaded and leading to social exclusion. However, the direction of growth would still contribute to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale as would be the case at this site, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p> <p>As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable	-	<p>The development at this direction of growth is not expected to incorporate employment provision; therefore it would not increase the available employment land or improve the diversity of jobs available in Melton.</p>

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economic growth.		<p>The direction for growth east of Melton Mowbray would not offer the opportunity to deliver a bypass at the town, which some of the other large-scale development site options would. Therefore, potential opportunities to reduce congestion (which can negatively impact upon economic growth in the Borough) would be lost.</p> <p>As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-?	<p>This area would be developed as a direction of growth, directly adjacent to the urban area of Melton Mowbray where there are existing healthcare facilities such as Latham House Medical Practice and Melton Mowbray Hospital. Therefore, opportunities to access existing healthcare facilities in the town via sustainable modes of transport are likely to be good. The short distance of this site from Melton Mowbray town centre means that opportunities to walk and cycle day to day are likely to be good, which can contribute to people living healthier lifestyles.</p> <p>However, focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services such as GPs becoming overloaded, particularly as the direction of growth is less able to incorporate the provision of services such as this in comparison to other large-scale growth options in the Borough. It is also noted that the proximity of the railway line, immediately adjacent to the south of the direction of growth, could result in amenity affects for residents in that area.</p> <p>A mixed (potential significant positive and minor negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether additional healthcare such as new GP places are eventually delivered as part of the development of the site.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic in the Borough. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>This site would be developed as a direction of growth, adjacent to the eastern edge of Melton Mowbray. It is well connected to the town via a fast and frequent bus service and there will be good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day. Sustainable transport links are also provided to destinations further afield via the station which is within 1km to the west of the site. Therefore, people are likely to have good access to jobs, services and facilities without needing to rely on cars, despite the direction of growth being less able to incorporate services and facilities within the site itself compared to other large-scale development options in the Borough.</p> <p>Unlike some of the other large-scale site options, this site is unlikely to contribute to the implementation of a Melton Mowbray by-pass. While this may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre</p>

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		are lost, the potential effects of a bypass in terms of facilitating convenient car use, which may mean that modal shift is more difficult to achieve, would also not occur. Overall a significant positive effect on this objective is likely.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	This site is highly constrained in relation to flood risk. Most of the site lies within Flood Zone 3, including areas of 3b, and a large area is also at high risk from surface water flooding. The site is on greenfield land, therefore development would result in the loss of permeable surfaces in a high flood risk area. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is to some extent uncertain given that new development may present the opportunity to incorporate SUDS and that development may be sited outside of the area in Flood Zone 3; however it is recognised that this would significantly restrict the area of the site that is available for development.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development. There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.

Melton West (Direction of Growth) – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

SA Objectives	SA score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	The Direction of growth west of Melton Mowbray could potentially accommodate 3,000 new homes and so could make a substantial contribution to the requirement for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum in Melton Borough up to 2036 ¹²⁰ . The large scale of the development should mean that the provision of 40% affordable homes will be viable, and therefore the development would also contribute to the delivery of the 1,775 affordable homes required in the Borough between 2011 and 2036. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++/--?	This site would be developed as a direction of growth, directly adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's existing schools, particularly at secondary level. Therefore, opportunities to access existing schools in the town via sustainable modes of transport are likely to be good. The nearest existing school to the direction of growth is Longfield Academy Secondary School which is adjacent to the eastern edge of the site. The Grove Primary School is also within walking

¹²⁰ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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		<p>distance (taken to be 600m) from the eastern edge of the potential development area.</p> <p>Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing schools such as these ones becoming overloaded. However, the scale of the potential development means that the provision of a new school or new school places may be incorporated into the development proposals although this is not yet known.</p> <p>A mixed (potential significant positive and significant negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places can eventually be delivered as part of the development of the site.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>This area would be developed as a direction of growth, immediately adjacent to the eastern edge of Melton Mowbray, which means that opportunities to walk, cycle and use public transport are likely to be good. As well as there being a fast and frequent bus service into the town centre, connections can be made to locations further afield from Melton Mowbray station which is within approximately 800m to the east of the site. The area is already served by bus links including the 128 service which runs hourly along the A607 between Melton Mowbray and Leicester and the 5A (20 minute), 8 and 23 (hourly) services which run along the A6006. The journey time to Melton town centre is less than 15 minutes.</p> <p>The development of this direction of growth is strategically important in the delivery of a Melton Mowbray bypass. While this may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre are lost, the potential bypass could also facilitate convenient car use, which may mean that modal shift is more difficult to achieve.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to existing employment opportunities in Melton Mowbray, and the fact that employment development would be incorporated into the proposals, should mean that residents at the direction of growth are able to access employment opportunities there without using a car, and with a short journey that can be undertaken on foot or by bicycle.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect on this objective is likely.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>The development of this direction of growth is expected to incorporate employment development in a commercially attractive location that is well-related to existing employment. The site is also well-related to existing employment sites at Ashfordby and Holwell Works. Therefore, a positive effect is likely in relation to increasing the number of available jobs in the Borough which will support the increase in population through large-scale residential development. It will also provide good access to jobs for residents, particularly as the development is close to Melton Mowbray and the job opportunities that are concentrated there. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The rural character of Melton Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale</p>

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quality and character of the landscape.		<p>of development. This direction of growth is adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray; however one of the two landscape character zones that it lies within has been classed as of medium sensitivity to development (the other is classed as medium-low sensitivity), due to the medium landscape scale and variable landscape intactness and condition. Therefore, while this area is less sensitive than the other sides of Melton Mowbray, it would still involve large-scale development on greenfield land in a moderately sensitive area and would significantly alter the built form of Melton Mowbray and the appearance of the wider landscape.</p> <p>As such, a potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is likely, although this is uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential to mitigate these effects to some extent.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	<p>There are two Local Wildlife Sites within this potential direction of growth: Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings and Bull Field. Ashfordby Hill Local Wildlife Site is also within fairly close proximity to the west and there are known great crested newt sites within the potential development area. The biodiversity study carried out on behalf of Melton Borough Council identified this site as being mainly of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate value in the south.</p> <p>The development of this large area of mainly greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity. Therefore, an overall significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may include the provision of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	<p>There are three listed buildings within this potential direction of growth: the Church of St Mary, Barn at Riverside View and Riverside Cottage/Farmhouse. There are also two Scheduled Monuments within very close proximity of the potential development area to the north and south – Sysonby Grange and Medieval Settlement Remains. There is a high concentration of listed buildings within the centre of Melton Mowbray which is within 1km to the east.</p> <p>Therefore, the development of this land for large scale development could have a significant negative effect on the setting of these heritage features. However, there is some uncertainty attached as effects will depend on the design of the development which is not yet known.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	<p>This potential development area is on greenfield land and there are areas in the south of the direction of growth which are classified as being of Grade 2 agricultural quality. Much of the rest of the site is Grade 3a or 3b land.</p> <p>The southern part of the direction of growth is also within a Mineral Consultation Area for sand and gravel and development could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. If this area is eventually</p>

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		<p>allocated, opportunities for prior extraction should be explored.</p> <p>A significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
<p>9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.</p>	<p>++?</p>	<p>This area would be developed as a direction of growth, immediately adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's services and facilities. Therefore, opportunities to access existing services in the town on foot would be good and there is also access to a fast and frequent bus service into the town. Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services and facilities becoming overloaded; however the scale of the potential development means that it is likely that new services and facilities would be provided as part of the development. Development here would also stimulate the existing services in Melton Mowbray and contribute to their ongoing viability.</p> <p>As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain, depending on the extent to which new services and facilities are eventually able to be developed within this site.</p>
<p>10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The direction of growth to the west of Melton Mowbray would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in the town and the scale of the development could mean that new provision is made, reducing the risks of schools becoming overloaded and leading to social exclusion. The direction of growth would also contribute to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective</p>
<p>11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
<p>12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale as would be the case at this site, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p>

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		As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	<p>The development of this direction of growth would be expected to incorporate employment development in a commercially attractive location that is well-related to existing employment. Therefore, a positive effect is likely in relation to increasing the available land and buildings for businesses and should therefore help to increase the diversity of available jobs.</p> <p>The development of this direction of growth is strategically important in the delivery of a Melton Mowbray by-pass. This should help to reduce congestion in the town centre area lost, which can otherwise negatively impact on economic growth.</p> <p>A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-?	<p>This site would be developed as a direction of growth, directly adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there are existing healthcare facilities such as Latham House Medical Practice and Melton Mowbray Hospital. Therefore, opportunities to access existing healthcare facilities in the town via sustainable modes of transport are likely to be good. The distance of this site from Melton Mowbray means that opportunities to walk and cycle day to day are likely to be good, which can contribute to residents leading healthier lifestyles.</p> <p>Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services such as GPs becoming overloaded; however the scale of this development means that facilities such as additional GP places are likely to be incorporated into the growth proposed.</p> <p>There is an existing A road (the A6006) running through the centre of the site which could mean that residents in that area are affected by noise and amenity issues.</p> <p>A mixed (significant positive and potential minor negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether additional healthcare such as new GP places are eventually delivered as part of the development of the site.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++/-	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic in the Borough. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>This site would be developed as a direction of growth, immediately adjacent to the eastern edge of Melton Mowbray, which means that opportunities to walk, cycle and use public transport are likely to be good. As</p>

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		<p>well as there being a fast and frequent bus service into the town centre, connections can be made to locations further afield from Melton Mowbray station which is within approximately 800m to the east of the site.</p> <p>The development of this direction of growth is strategically important in the delivery of a Melton Mowbray bypass. While this may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre are lost, the potential bypass could also facilitate convenient car use, which may mean that modal shift is more difficult to achieve.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to existing employment opportunities in Melton Mowbray, and the fact that employment development would be incorporated into the proposals, should mean that residents at the direction of growth are able to access employment opportunities there without using a car, and with a short journey that can be undertaken on foot or by bicycle.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect on this objective is likely.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	<p>The southern part of this direction of growth is highly constrained in relation to flood risk, being mostly covered by flood zone 3. However, the central and northern parts of the site are largely outside of high flood risk areas although there are small areas that are at high risk from surface water flooding. The site is on greenfield land; therefore development would result in the loss of a large area of permeable surfaces, some of which is in a high flood risk area.</p> <p>As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is to some extent uncertain given that new development may present the opportunity to incorporate SUDS and that development may be sited outside of the area in Flood Zone 3; however it is recognised that this would significantly restrict the area of the site that is available for development.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Melton North (Sustainable Urban Extension) – allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

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<p>1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.</p>	++	<p>The area within the boundaries of the SUE has capacity to accommodate a large number of new homes (approximately 5,350). The development of the SUE would therefore make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036¹²¹. The development is expected to be of a sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development and as such would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036. It is also assumed that a development of this size would incorporate a range of housing types to meet the needs of various types of households.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	++	<p>This site would be developed as an SUE and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray. As such, development at this location should provide good access to the concentration of existing schools in Melton Mowbray. The existing schools of St Mary's Melton Mowbray Church of England Primary School on Brampton Road and John Ferneley High School on Scalford Road would be located within walking distance of the SUE meaning pupils would have a good level of access to these facilities, potentially via sustainable transport.</p> <p>However, development of this size would require new school places to be incorporated, in order to avoid existing schools such as those becoming overloaded. The large size of the development proposed would mean that a level of self-containment in relation to services and facilities could be achieved, and it is expected that a new primary school would be provided as part of the development. This would reduce the potential for any adverse effects on education provision in the Borough which might result from a concentrated large increase in population and the pressure for school places which would be associated with this.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	++/-	<p>Given the proximity of the potential SUE to Melton Mowbray to the south, new residents could make use of the existing public transport links such as the bus stops currently located on Nottingham Road, Scalford Road, Wymondham Way and Kipling Drive which provide access to the town centre. The potential SUE area has public transport routes that run through it including the hourly 19 service between Oakham and Nottingham, the 24 service between Melton Mowbray and Bottesford, the 25 service between Melton Mowbray and Stathern and the 15 service which offers a 30 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre. Journey times to Melton Mowbray town centre are less than 15 minutes. The scale of the development and its proximity to Melton Mowbray could potentially allow for the provision of new public transport solutions, further reducing a reliance on car use.</p>

¹²¹ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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		The location of the housing in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure, the potential for infrastructure development which might ease congestion in the town centre and public transport provision in the area a significant positive is likely. However, this effect is expected in combination with an uncertain minor negative effect due to the potential for increased car use if the development were to bring forward a bypass to the north of Melton Mowbray – while this would help to ease congestion, it could facilitate ongoing car use.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The development of Melton North SUE would be in close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such it would provide new residents with good access via sustainable transport to jobs there, and would also be well-located in relation to other employment sites (including industrial estates such as Asfordby Business Park to the west). In addition, the large scale of the development at this SUE means that it could potentially include some employment land in a commercially attractive location. This would provide additional employment opportunities for residents and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--/+?	<p>The rural character of the Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. Although it would not result in settlement coalescence and would not encroach upon any of the Areas of Separation in the Borough, the development of this SUE would involve development on a large area greenfield land which would significantly affect the form and setting of Melton Mowbray by significantly extending the edge of Melton Mowbray to the north.</p> <p>The landscape sensitivity of this area to the north of the town has been identified as being medium to high due to its tranquil undeveloped rural character as well as its variable topography¹²². Therefore, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. However, the existing 'hard' development edge north of Melton Mowbray could be improved by appropriately designed new development in this area, which would have a minor positive effect, resulting in potentially mixed effects overall. The effects are currently uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential for mitigate of these effects.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The potential SUE site is located on land which contains the Melton Country Park and Scalford Brook Local Wildlife Sites to the west. A number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have also been identified within this area; to the south west towards the A606, to the north by Scalford Road and also within Melton Country Park. The loss of a large area of greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity. It is also noted that the biodiversity study carried out on behalf of Melton Borough Council identified this site as being mainly of lower ecological value, but with areas

¹²² Influence Environmental (2015), Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity & Local Green Space Study

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		of moderate value in the south and west and a small area of high value in the north. Therefore, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain given that the development, particularly considering that it is of such a large scale, may include the provision of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	The potential SUE area abuts a Scheduled Monument (Sysonby Grange) which is located on St Bartholomew's Way to the west. Sysonby Lodge, a Grade II Listed Building, is also located within the proposed SUE area to the east of the A606. Development at this location could potentially have negative impacts on the setting of these designated historic assets. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that there is potential to mitigate this adverse effect on character through design solutions and sympathetic design.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	<p>The area covered by the potential SUE comprises greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Quality, some of which is 3a. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) is also within the SUE towards the south east by the Melton Spinney Road. The development could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction. As such, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++?	<p>This SUE would be immediately adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's services and facilities. Therefore, opportunities to access existing services in the town on foot would be good. Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services and facilities becoming overloaded; however the scale of the potential development means that it is likely that new services and facilities would be provided as part of the development. Development here would also stimulate the existing services in Melton Mowbray and contribute to their ongoing viability.</p> <p>As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain, depending on the extent to which new services and facilities are eventually able to be developed within this site.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social	+	The SUE to the north Melton Mowbray would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray and the large scale of the development would

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deprivation and secure economic inclusion.		<p>mean that new provision is likely to be made, reducing the risks of facilities becoming overloaded and leaving to social exclusion. The large size of the SUE would also mean that there is likely to be a significant contribution to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p> <p>As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	<p>The potential SUE could incorporate the delivery of a bypass to help reduce congestion in Melton Mowbray Town centre, which can otherwise have an adverse impact on the local economy. The SUE is also of sufficient size to incorporate employment land and so would help to provide the land and buildings required by businesses and may also increase the diversity of jobs available in the Borough. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+?	<p>The SUE would be large enough (5,350 homes) to be relatively self-contained and the development is likely to incorporate new healthcare facilities such as a GP surgery. Existing healthcare facilities are also provided within nearby Melton Mowbray and the SUE would be located within 1.9km of Melton Mowbray hospital on the A607 to the south east. The SUE area also contains Melton Country Park to the west and this area of open space could potentially encourage healthier more active lifestyles amongst new residents. New development would also present opportunities for further open space to be incorporated with the provision of new dwellings. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain given that it is unknown if additional open space would be provided as part of the SUE and if the existing open space at Melton Country Park would also be protected from development and amenity retained.</p>

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<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>Given the proximity of the potential SUE to Melton Mowbray to the south, new residents could make use of the existing public transport links such as the bus stops currently located on Nottingham Road, Scalford Road, Wymondham Way and Kipling Drive which provide access to the town centre. The scale of the development and its proximity to Melton Mowbray could potentially allow for the provision of new public transport solutions, further reducing a reliance on car use.</p> <p>The location of the housing in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure, the potential for infrastructure development which might ease congestion in the town centre and public transport provision in the area a significant positive is likely. However, this effect is expected in combination with an uncertain minor negative effect due to the potential for increased car use if the development were to bring forward a bypass to the north of Melton Mowbray – while this would help to ease congestion, it could facilitate ongoing car use and the associated emissions.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>The main potential source of flooding in the SUE area is Salford Brook which to the west. This area has been identified as being within Flood Zone 3a, 3b and 2 in parts. The overall area which is at high risk of flooding is relatively small when compared to the total area within the boundaries of the potential SUE, however, and it is expected that development could be accommodated in areas not affected by risk of flooding.</p> <p>The development would, however, involve the development of a large area of greenfield land which would substantially increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton. This reduction of greenfield land would reduce areas where infiltration could occur, increasing risk of flooding from surface water. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that new development may present the opportunity to incorporate SuDS and that development may be sited further from the areas which have been identified as being at high risk of flooding.</p>
<p>17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Melton South incorporating Melton South East (Sustainable Urban Extension) – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

Note that the Melton South and South East SUEs are also appraised separately as stand-alone options – this SA matrix relates to the two areas combined.

SA Objectives	Short term	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	<p>The area within the SUE has the capacity to accommodate a substantial number of new homes, with significantly fewer (between 1,000 and 2,000) likely to be required. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036¹²³. The development would be of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development¹²⁴. Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>This site would be developed as an SUE and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray to the north and west. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the concentration of existing schools in Melton Mowbray. The existing schools of Birch Wood Melton Area Special School by Burton Road, Shepard County Primary School on Grange Drive and Swallow Dale Primary School on Dalby Road would be located within walking distance of the proposed SUE meaning pupils would have a good level of access to these facilities, potentially via sustainable transport. However, it is recognised that a development of this size would require new school places to be incorporated, in order to avoid existing schools such as those becoming overloaded. The large size of the development proposed would mean that a level of 'self-containment' of services and facilities could be achieved, and it is expected that a new primary school would be provided as part of the development. This would reduce the potential for any adverse effects on education provision in the Borough which might result from a concentrated large increase in population and the pressure for school places which would be associated with this. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++/-?	<p>Given the very close proximity of this potential SUE to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north and west, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links that run through the potential development area - the number 19, 40 and 113 bus services run along the A606 between Oakham and Melton (Monday to Saturday). The journey time to Melton town centre is less than 15 minutes. The 100 and 128 services run between Melton Mowbray and Leicester (Monday to Saturday) and the 5A service runs adjacent to the northern boundary of the site offering a 20 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre.</p>

¹²³ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

¹²⁴ Melton Borough Council (2015) Local Plan: Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options

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		<p>The large scale of the development and its proximity to Melton Mowbray could potentially allow for the provision of new public transport links, further reducing a reliance on private car use. Most journey lengths should be short as there is a good concentration of jobs, services and facilities in Melton Mowbray. The location of the SUE in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure, the potential for infrastructure development which might ease congestion in the town centre and public transport provision in the area a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the development of this SUE could facilitate the delivery of a bypass at Melton Mowbray as well as other improvements to the road network. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	++	<p>This potential SUE is within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such it would provide new residents with good access (by public transport) to job opportunities in the town and at other employment sites (including industrial estates such as Leicester Road Industrial Estate to the north west). The scale of the development proposed at this SUE could potentially allow for some employment development to be included. This area would potentially be a commercially attractive location given its links to the town centre as well as proximity to current employment sites. This would provide additional employment opportunities for residents and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--/+?	<p>The rural character of the Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. This SUE proposal would involve the development of a large area greenfield land to the south and south east of Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>The eastern side of the SUE would fill most of an Area of Separation which has been identified between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars. As such, the development of this area would contribute to the coalescence of these two settlements.</p> <p>The landscape sensitivity of the area to the south and south east of Melton Mowbray, which most of this potential SUE lies within, is classed as being of medium-high sensitivity to development¹²⁵. This is due to the intricate small scale landscape and cultural pattern and open visual character and the degree of intervisibility which is increasingly present towards the east. A potential significant negative effect on the landscape is therefore identified as a result of large-scale development here. However, it is noted that the site lies within a valley which may reduce the negative impacts. In addition, the existing 'hard' development edge south of Melton Mowbray could be improved by appropriately designed new development in this area, which would</p>

¹²⁵ Influence Environmental (2015), Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity & Local Green Space Study

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		<p>have a minor positive effect, resulting in potentially mixed effects overall. The effects are currently uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential for mitigate of these effects.</p>
<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The potential SUE site is almost directly adjacent to Leicester Road Grassland Local Wildlife Site and within 200m of Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings Local Wildlife Site, although there are no Local Wildlife Sites within the boundaries of the site option. A number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have also been identified within this area; to the west along a tributary of the River Wreake, towards the central area of the SUE by Sandy Lane and to the east towards Burton Lazars by the A606. The biodiversity study carried out on behalf of Melton Borough Council identified this site as being mainly of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate value in the west and south east.</p> <p>The loss of a large area of greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p> <p>As such, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development, particularly considering that it is of such a large scale, may include the provision of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p>
<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The SUE area is almost directly adjacent to a Scheduled Monument to the south east by Melton Road on the approach to Burton Lazars. This designation includes St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital. The closest Listed Building to the potential SUE is Chestnut Farmhouse which is a Grade II Listed Building within Burton Lazars to the south east.</p> <p>Development at this location could potentially have negative impacts on the setting of these designated historic assets given their close proximity to the SUE. A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that there is potential to mitigate this adverse effect on character through design solutions and sympathetic design.</p>
<p>8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.</p>	<p>--</p>	<p>The area covered by the potential SUE comprises greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3b Agricultural Quality, although there are areas of Grade 3b Agricultural Land within the site. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Areas (MCAs) is also within the SUE towards its north western edge by Kirkby Lane and the A607 and the eastern edge of the site is adjacent to another sand and gravel MCA. The close proximity of these MCAs may result in the sterilisation of minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	This SUE would be large enough to be relatively self-contained and the development would be expected to incorporate new services and facilities to support the population growth. This would be to the benefit of internal cohesion of the new development area given that residents would not have to travel to access important services. The development would also be within close proximity of the existing services and facilities that are concentrated in Melton Mowbray and would therefore provide support for their ongoing viability. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	<p>The SUE to the south and south east of Melton Mowbray would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray and the large scale of the development would mean that new provision is likely to be made, reducing the risks of facilities becoming overloaded and leaving to social exclusion. The large size of the SUE would also mean that there is likely to be a good contribution to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p> <p>As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	<p>The potential SUE is located to the south of Melton Mowbray is in an area which has been identified as potentially suitable for a bypass which would link the A606 in the west and A607 in the east. As such development of the SUE at this location could provide the land needed to facilitate this route thus reducing congestion in Melton Town centre, which can otherwise have a negative effect on the local economy.</p> <p>The SUE is also of sufficient size to include some employment land so would increase the available land and</p>

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		buildings available for businesses and potentially the diversity of available jobs. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	<p>This site would be developed as an SUE and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray to the north and west. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the existing healthcare facilities in Melton Mowbray. The SUE would be located within 800m of Melton Mowbray hospital on the A607 to the north west and there are also GPs within the town that would be easily accessible, meaning residents would have a good level of access to these facilities, potentially via sustainable transport. However, it is recognised that a development of this size would require new healthcare facilities to be provided, in order to avoid existing facilities becoming overloaded. The large size of the development proposed would mean that a level of 'self-containment' of services and facilities could be achieved, and it is expected that new healthcare facilities would be provided as part of the development. This would reduce the potential for any adverse effects which might result from a concentrated large increase in population and the pressure on existing facilities which would be associated with this.</p> <p>The SUE is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces: Top Park is located to the south within 360m by Lime Street and Mars Sportsground is located to the north west of the site within 180m by Saxby Road. New development would also present opportunities for further open space to be incorporated within the SUE, particularly considering the large size. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++/-	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>Given the very close proximity of this potential SUE to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north and west, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links such as the bus stops currently located on the A606 in the east, Dalby Road centrally and the A607 and Heather Crescent in the west which provide access to the town centre.</p> <p>The large scale of the development and its proximity to Melton Mowbray could potentially allow for the provision of new public transport links, further reducing a reliance on private car use. Most journey lengths should be short as there is a good concentration of jobs, services and facilities in Melton Mowbray. The location of the SUE in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport</p>

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		<p>infrastructure, the potential for infrastructure development which might ease congestion in the town centre and public transport provision in the area a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the development of this SUE could facilitate the delivery of a bypass at Melton Mowbray. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-?	<p>The main potential source of flooding in the SUE area is a tributary of the River Wreake in the north west. This area of the site has been identified as being partly within Flood Zones 2 and 3. The River Eye also has a presents a flood risk to the north east; however any areas which are within Flood Zone 2 and 3 are beyond the boundaries of the potential SUE site. A such, the overall area within the site which is at high risk of flooding is relatively small when compared to the total developable area and it is expected that development could be accommodated in areas not affected by risk of flooding.</p> <p>The development would, however, involve the development of a large area of greenfield land which would substantially increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton and reduce infiltration, potentially increasing flood risk. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that new development may present the opportunity to incorporate SuDS and that development may be sited away from the areas which have been identified as being at high risk of flooding.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Melton South SUE (Sustainable Urban Extension) – allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

Note that this matrix relates to the Melton South SUE alone, i.e. not incorporating Melton South East. Separate SA matrices have been completed for Melton South incorporating Melton South East and Melton South East alone.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock	++	The area within the SUE could accommodate a substantial number of new homes, with significantly fewer

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meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.		<p>(between 1,000 and 2,000) likely to be required. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036¹²⁶. The development would be of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development¹²⁷. Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>This site would be developed as an SUE and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray to the north. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the concentration of existing schools in Melton Mowbray. Swallow Dale Primary School and Longfield Academy would be located within walking distance of the SUE meaning pupils would have a good level of access to these facilities, potentially via sustainable transport. However, it is recognised that a development of this size would require new school places to be incorporated, in order to avoid existing schools such as those becoming overloaded. The large size of the development proposed would mean that a level of 'self-containment' of services and facilities could be achieved, and it is expected that a new primary school would be provided as part of the development. This would reduce the potential for any adverse effects on education provision in the Borough which might result from a concentrated large increase in population and the pressure for school places which would be associated with this. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++/-?	<p>Given the very close proximity of this potential SUE to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links that run through the potential development area - the number 19, 40 and 113 bus services run along the A606 between Oakham and Melton (Monday to Saturday). The journey time to Melton town centre is less than 15 minutes. The 100 and 128 services run between Melton Mowbray and Leicester (Monday to Saturday) and the 5A service runs adjacent to the northern boundary of the site offering a 20 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre.</p> <p>The large scale of the development and its proximity to Melton Mowbray could potentially allow for the provision of new public transport links, further reducing a reliance on private car use. Most journey lengths should be short as there is a good concentration of jobs, services and facilities in Melton Mowbray. The location of the SUE in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure, the potential for infrastructure development which might ease congestion in the town centre</p>

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		<p>and public transport provision in the area a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the development of this SUE could facilitate the delivery of a bypass at Melton Mowbray as well as other improvements to the road network. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	++	<p>This potential SUE is within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such it would provide new residents with good access (by public transport) to job opportunities in the town and at other employment sites (including industrial estates such as Leicester Road Industrial Estate to the north west). The scale of the development proposed at this SUE could potentially allow for some employment development to be included. This area would potentially be a commercially attractive location given its links to the town centre as well as proximity to current employment sites. This would provide additional employment opportunities for residents and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--/+?	<p>The rural character of the Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. This SUE proposal would involve the development of a large area greenfield land to the south of Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>The eastern side of the SUE would cover nearly half of the Area of Separation which has been identified between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars. As such, the development of this area would contribute to the coalescence of these two settlements.</p> <p>The landscape sensitivity of the area to the south of Melton Mowbray, which most of this potential SUE lies within, is classed as being of medium-high sensitivity to development¹²⁸. This is due to the intricate small scale landscape and cultural pattern and open visual character and the degree of intervisibility which is increasingly present towards the east. A potential significant negative effect on the landscape is therefore identified as a result of large-scale development here. However, it is noted that the site lies within a valley which may reduce the negative impacts. In addition, the existing 'hard' development edge south of Melton Mowbray could be improved by appropriately designed new development in this area, which would have a minor positive effect, resulting in potentially mixed effects overall. The effects are currently uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential for mitigate of these effects.</p>
<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	--?	<p>The potential SUE site is almost directly adjacent to Leicester Road Grassland Local Wildlife Site and within 200m of Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings Local Wildlife Site, although there are no Local Wildlife Sites within the boundaries of the site option. A number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have also been identified within this area; to the west along a tributary</p>

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		<p>of the River Wreake and towards the central area of the SUE by Sandy Lane. The biodiversity study carried out on behalf of Melton Borough Council identified this site as being mainly of lower ecological value, but with areas of moderate value in the west and south east.</p> <p>The loss of a large area of greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p> <p>As such, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development, particularly considering that it is of such a large scale, may include the provision of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p>
<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The SUE area is within very close proximity of a Scheduled Monument to the south east by Melton Road on the approach to Burton Lazars. This designation includes St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital. The closest Listed Building to the potential SUE is Chestnut Farmhouse which is a Grade II Listed Building within Burton Lazars to the south east.</p> <p>Development at this location could potentially have negative impacts on the setting of these designated historic assets given their close proximity to the SUE. A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that there is potential to mitigate this adverse effect on character through design solutions and sympathetic design.</p>
<p>8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.</p>	<p>--</p>	<p>The area covered by the potential SUE comprises greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3b Agricultural Quality, although there are areas of Grade 3a Agricultural Land in the site. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Areas (MCAs) is also within the SUE towards its north western edge by Kirkby Lane. The close proximity of this MCA may result in the sterilisation of minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>This SUE would be large enough to be relatively self-contained and the development would be expected to incorporate new services and facilities to support the population growth. This would be to the benefit of internal cohesion of the new development area given that residents would not have to travel to access important services. The development would also be within close proximity of the existing services and facilities that are concentrated in Melton Mowbray and would therefore provide support for their ongoing viability. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The SUE to the south of Melton Mowbray would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray and the large scale of the development would</p>

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inclusion.		<p>mean that new provision is likely to be made, reducing the risks of facilities becoming overloaded and leaving to social exclusion. The large size of the SUE would also mean that there is likely to be a good contribution to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p> <p>As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	<p>The potential SUE is located to the south of Melton Mowbray is in an area which has been identified as potentially suitable for a bypass which would link the A606 in the west and A607 in the east. As such development of the SUE at this location could provide the land needed to facilitate this route thus reducing congestion in Melton Town centre, which can otherwise have a negative effect on the local economy.</p> <p>The SUE is also of sufficient size to include some employment land so would increase the available land and buildings available for businesses and potentially the diversity of available jobs. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	<p>This site would be developed as an SUE and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray to the north. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the existing healthcare facilities in Melton Mowbray. The SUE would be located within 800m of Melton Mowbray hospital on the A607 to the north west and there are also GPs within the town that would be easily accessible, meaning residents would have a good level of access to these facilities, potentially via sustainable transport. However, it is recognised that a development of this size would require new healthcare facilities to be provided, in order to</p>

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		<p>avoid existing facilities becoming overloaded. The large size of the development proposed would mean that a level of 'self-containment' of services and facilities could be achieved, and it is expected that new healthcare facilities would be provided as part of the development. This would reduce the potential for any adverse effects which might result from a concentrated large increase in population and the pressure on existing facilities which would be associated with this.</p> <p>The SUE is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces: Top Park is located to the south within 360m by Lime Street and Mars Sportsground is located to the north west of the site within 180m by Saxby Road. New development would also present opportunities for further open space to be incorporated within the SUE, particularly considering the large size. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>Given the very close proximity of this potential SUE to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links.</p> <p>The large scale of the development and its proximity to Melton Mowbray could potentially allow for the provision of new public transport links, further reducing a reliance on private car use. Most journey lengths should be short as there is a good concentration of jobs, services and facilities in Melton Mowbray. The location of the SUE in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure, the potential for infrastructure development which might ease congestion in the town centre and public transport provision in the area a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the development of this SUE could facilitate the delivery of a bypass at Melton Mowbray. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>The main potential source of flooding in the SUE area is a tributary of the River Wreake in the north west. This area of the site has been identified as being partly within Flood Zones 2 and 3. As such, the overall area</p>

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within the Borough and elsewhere.		<p>within the site which is at high risk of flooding is relatively small when compared to the total developable area and it is expected that development could be accommodated in areas not affected by risk of flooding.</p> <p>The development would, however, involve the development of a large area of greenfield land which would substantially increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton and reduce infiltration, potentially increasing flood risk. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that new development may present the opportunity to incorporate SuDS and that development may be sited away from the areas which have been identified as being at high risk of flooding.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Melton South East SUE – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	<p>The area within the SUE could accommodate a around 1,700 new homes. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036¹²⁹. The development would be of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development¹³⁰. Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++/-?	<p>This site would be developed as an SUE and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray to the north west. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the concentration of existing schools in Melton Mowbray. The existing schools of Birch Wood Melton Area Special School by Burton Road and Shepard County Primary School on Grange Drive would be located within walking distance of the proposed SUE meaning pupils would have a good level of access to these facilities, potentially via sustainable transport. However, it is recognised that a development of this size would require new school</p>

¹²⁹ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

¹³⁰ Melton Borough Council (2015) Local Plan: Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options

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		places to be incorporated, in order to avoid existing schools such as those becoming overloaded. This SUE would be less able to deliver a level of 'self-containment' of services and facilities in comparison to other options and is unlikely to include a new primary school. Therefore, there is a risk of existing schools becoming overloaded unless they have capacity to accommodate the additional demand from this SUE. Overall, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is identified in relation to education, although this is uncertain depending on what capacity there is at the schools nearby to accommodate additional pupils.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	<p>Given the very close proximity of this potential SUE to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north west, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links that run through the potential development area - the number 19, 40 and 113 bus services run along the A606 between Oakham and Melton (Monday to Saturday). The journey time to Melton town centre is less than 15 minutes. The 5A service runs close to the western boundary of the site offering a 20 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to Melton Mowbray could reduce reliance on private car use. Most journey lengths should be short as there is a good concentration of jobs, services and facilities in Melton Mowbray. The location of the SUE in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west.</p> <p>Unlike some of the other large-scale site options, this site is unlikely to contribute to the implementation of a Melton Mowbray by-pass. While this may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre are lost, the potential effects of a bypass in terms of facilitating convenient car use, which may mean that modal shift is more difficult to achieve, would also not occur.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	<p>This potential SUE is within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such it would provide new residents with good access (by public transport) to job opportunities in the town.</p> <p>However, compared to other SUE options, this site is less able to make a significant contribution to employment land because of its scale. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The rural character of the Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. This SUE proposal would involve the development of a large area greenfield land to the south east of Melton Mowbray.

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		<p>The southern part of the SUE would extend within an Area of Separation which has been identified between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars. As such, the development of this area would contribute to the coalescence of these two settlements.</p> <p>The landscape sensitivity of the area to the south east of Melton Mowbray, which this potential SUE lies within, is classed as being of medium-high sensitivity to development¹³¹. This is due to the due primarily to the open visual character and the degree of intervisibility, the character of which would be vulnerable to change in light of residential development and the impacts on the Area of Separation.</p> <p>A potential significant negative effect on the landscape is therefore identified as a result of large-scale development here. However, this is currently uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential for mitigate of these effects. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should seek to achieve a gradation of development density to the outer edges, linked with new green space provision. This should also be tied in with reduced building storey height (maximum of two storeys to the edge) to reduce perception of built mass, and a simple, muted materials palette including timber, painted render and local brick. Green and brown/turf roofs may also be appropriate to the most prominent locations to help visually integrate townscape and landscape. Lit development edges should be avoided to assist with conservation of dark night skies/avoidance of sky glow and perception of further urbanising influences.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	<p>There are no designated biodiversity sites within the boundaries of the site option. A number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have also been identified nearby; however not within the site itself. The biodiversity study carried out on behalf of Melton Borough Council identified this site as being of lower ecological value.</p> <p>The loss of a large area of greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p> <p>As such, a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development, particularly considering that it is of such a large scale, may include the provision of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their	-?	<p>The potential SUE does not include any designated heritage features. The nearest are listed buildings in Burton Lazars although these are within fairly close proximity of the south eastern boundary of the SUE and their setting may therefore be affected. However, it is noted that they are surrounded by existing</p>

¹³¹ Influence Environmental (2015), Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity & Local Green Space Study

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settings.		<p>development and adjacent to the A606.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that there is potential to mitigate this adverse effect on character through design solutions and sympathetic design.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	<p>The area covered by the potential SUE comprises greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3b Agricultural Quality, although there are areas of Grade 3a Agricultural Land. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>The northern part of the SUE would extend within of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) which may result in the sterilisation of minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+ +/-?	<p>This SUE would be adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's services and facilities. Therefore, opportunities to access existing services in the town on foot would be good and there is also access to a fast and frequent bus service into the town. Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services and facilities becoming overloaded, particularly as there is uncertainty about the extent to which new services and facilities would be provided as part of the development. However, development here would also stimulate the existing services in Melton Mowbray and contribute to their ongoing viability.</p> <p>In comparison to other large-scale development site options, there is less potential for the area to be developed as a self-contained development incorporating services and facilities.</p> <p>As such a mixed (potential significant positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain, depending on the extent to which new services and facilities are eventually able to be developed within this site.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	<p>The SUE to the south east of Melton Mowbray would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in the town; however the scale of the development would mean that new provision is unlikely to be made, increasing the risks of schools becoming overloaded and leading to social exclusion. However, the direction of growth would still contribute to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be</p>

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crime.		<p>influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p> <p>As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	-	<p>The development of this SUE would not be able to make a significant contribution towards employment land compared to other site options; therefore it would not have the same effects in terms of increasing the available employment land and improving the diversity of jobs available in Melton.</p> <p>The SUE south east of Melton Mowbray would not offer the opportunity to deliver a bypass at the town, which some of the other large-scale development site options would. Therefore, potential opportunities to reduce congestion (which can negatively impact upon economic growth in the Borough) would be lost.</p> <p>As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+ +/-	<p>This site would be developed as an SUE and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray to the north west. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the existing healthcare facilities in Melton Mowbray including Melton Mowbray Hospital and GP surgeries. However, it is recognised that a development of this size would require new healthcare facilities to be provided in order to avoid existing facilities such as those becoming overloaded. This SUE would be less able to deliver a level of 'self-containment' of services and facilities in comparison to other options and is unlikely to include a new health centre. Therefore, there is a risk of existing facilities becoming overloaded unless they have capacity to accommodate the additional demand from this SUE.</p> <p>Compared to other options, this SUE would be less able to provide substantial green infrastructure which can help encourage people to be more active, although there are existing open areas in close proximity. The northern part of the site would be adjacent to the railway line, which could result in noise and amenity impacts on residents in that area.</p>

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		<p>Overall, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is identified in relation to health, although this is uncertain depending on what provision is eventually made in relation to green infrastructure and healthcare facilities for the growing population.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>Given the very close proximity of this potential SUE to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north west, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links that run through the potential development area - the number 19, 40 and 113 bus services run along the A606 between Oakham and Melton (Monday to Saturday). The journey time to Melton town centre is less than 15 minutes. The 5A service runs close to the western boundary of the site offering a 20 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to Melton Mowbray could reduce reliance on private car use. Most journey lengths should be short as there is a good concentration of jobs, services and facilities in Melton Mowbray. The location of the SUE in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west.</p> <p>Unlike some of the other large-scale site options, this site is unlikely to contribute to the implementation of a Melton Mowbray by-pass. While this may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre are lost, the potential effects of a bypass in terms of facilitating convenient car use, which may mean that modal shift is more difficult to achieve, would also not occur.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>This SUE is outside of high flood risk areas, although a tiny area in the north lies within flood zone 2. However, as this area is directly adjacent to the railway line and on the very edge of the SUE site it may not be built on. There are only very small areas within the site that are at high risk of surface water flooding.</p> <p>The development would, however, involve the development of a large area of greenfield land which would substantially increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton and reduce infiltration, potentially increasing flood risk. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is</p>

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		recorded as uncertain given that new development may present the opportunity to incorporate SuDS and that development could be sited away from the very small areas which have been identified as being at high risk of flooding.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Thorpe Arnold SUE – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

SA Objectives	Short term	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	<p>The development of this area could provide for around 600 new homes. While this figure is lower than for some of the other large-scale development site options in Melton, it will still go some way towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036¹³².</p> <p>Although the scale of development that could come forward at this SUE is smaller than at some of the other options, it is of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development¹³³. Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this objective.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++/--?	<p>This potential SUE is directly adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's existing schools, particularly at secondary level. Therefore, opportunities to access existing schools in the town via sustainable modes of transport are likely to be good. The nearest existing school to the site is Brownlow Primary School in Melton Mowbray, approximately 500m to the south west, so within reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m).</p> <p>However, focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing schools such as these ones becoming overloaded, particularly as the SUE is less able to incorporate the provision of services such as a primary school in comparison to other large-scale growth options in the</p>

¹³² GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

¹³³ Melton Borough Council (2015) Local Plan: Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options

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		<p>Borough.</p> <p>A mixed (potential significant positive and significant negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places can eventually be delivered as part of the development of the site.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>This SUE would be immediately adjacent to the north eastern edge of Melton Mowbray, which means that opportunities to walk, cycle and use public transport are likely to be good, although the distance to the town centre from the north east of the site is approximately 2.5km. As well as there being a fast and frequent bus service into the town centre, connections can be made to locations further afield from Melton Mowbray railway station which is within approximately 1.8km to the west of the site.</p> <p>There are existing public transport routes that run through the potential development area including the number 8 hourly bus service which runs along the A607 between Grantham and Loughborough (stopping at Melton Mowbray). The journey time to Melton town centre is only around five minutes. The number 18 bus service runs close to the western boundary of the site offering a further hourly frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to existing employment opportunities in Melton Mowbray should mean that residents at the direction of growth are able to access employment opportunities there without using a car, and with a short journey that can be undertaken on foot or by bicycle.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect on this objective is likely.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p>The development of this SUE would not offer the same opportunities as some of the alternative options in terms of providing employment land and it is not in as attractive a commercial location as some of the other site options. However, the proximity of the SUE to Melton Mowbray would mean that residents would have good access to the job opportunities that are concentrated there, and could use the railway station which is within 1.8km to the west to access jobs further afield. This will be particularly beneficial for people without a car. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The rural character of Melton Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. Although this SUE is adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray, rather than being a stand-alone site in the open countryside, it would result in the loss of the Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold and therefore result in the coalescence of the two settlements. The development would also comprise large-scale development on greenfield land and would significantly alter the form of the north eastern edge of Melton Mowbray and the wider setting of the town.</p> <p>The landscape character zone (LCZ) to the north east of the town which this site lies partly within has been</p>

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		<p>classified as being of medium to high sensitivity by virtue of the southern area's function in providing separation between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold, its small scale and sense of intactness within the tributary valley which runs between the two areas of settlement¹³⁴.</p> <p>As such, a significant negative effect on this SA objective is likely, although this is uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential to mitigate these effects to some extent.</p>
<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>There are no designated sites such as SSSIs or Local Wildlife Sites within the potential SUE; however there are Local Wildlife Sites within close proximity including Corfe Wet Grassland which is immediately adjacent to the western boundary of the site. In addition, a number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have been identified within this area, to the west of the SUE. [REDACTED]</p> <p>The development of this large area of mainly greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p> <p>Therefore, an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may include the provision of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p>
<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>There is one listed building (Home Farmhouse) within this SUE and another five are within very close proximity of the site to the east in Thorpe Arnold. Therefore, the development of this land for large scale development on greenfield land could have an impact on the setting of these heritage features.</p> <p>A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified although this is uncertain and will depend on factors such as the design of the development.</p>
<p>8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.</p>	<p>--</p>	<p>This area comprises greenfield land and more than half of the site is classified as being of Grade 2 agricultural land quality. Almost all of the rest of the site is Grade 3 agricultural land although it is not known if this is Grade 3a or Grade 3b.</p> <p>The SUE is also almost entirely within a Mineral Consultation Area for sand and gravel and development could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. Opportunities for prior extraction should be explored if this development is taken forward.</p> <p>A significant negative effect is therefore likely overall.</p>

¹³⁴ Influence Environmental (2015), Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity & Local Green Space Study

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++/-?	<p>This potential SUE is immediately adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's services and facilities. Therefore, opportunities to access existing services in the town on foot would be good and there is also access to a fast and frequent bus service into the town. Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services and facilities becoming overloaded, particularly as there is uncertainty about the extent to which new services and facilities would be able to be provided as part of the development due to its scale. However, development here would also stimulate the existing services in Melton Mowbray and contribute to their ongoing viability.</p> <p>In comparison to other large-scale development site options, there is less potential for the area to be developed as a self-contained development incorporating services and facilities.</p> <p>As such a mixed (potential significant positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain, depending on the extent to which new services and facilities are eventually able to be developed within this site.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	<p>The Thorpe Arnold SUE to the north east of Melton Mowbray would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in the town; however the scale of the development would mean that new provision is unlikely to be made, increasing the risks of schools becoming overloaded and leading to social exclusion. However, the direction of growth would still contribute to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale as would be the case at this site, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p>

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		As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+/-?	<p>The development at this direction of growth is not expected to offer good opportunities to incorporate employment provision in comparison to other site options; therefore it would probably not increase the available employment land or improve the diversity of jobs available in Melton.</p> <p>The location of the SUE close to Melton Mowbray may mean that opportunities to reduce car use and therefore reduce congestion, which can be detrimental to the local economy, are good. However, it is not known whether the site would offer opportunities to help deliver a bypass at Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective although this is currently uncertain.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-?	<p>This SUE would be directly adjacent to the urban area of Melton Mowbray where there are existing healthcare facilities such as Latham House Medical Practice and Melton Mowbray Hospital. Therefore, opportunities to access existing healthcare facilities in the town via sustainable modes of transport are likely to be good. The short distance of this site from Melton Mowbray means that opportunities to walk and cycle day to day are likely to be good, which can contribute to people living healthier lifestyles.</p> <p>However, focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services such as GPs becoming overloaded, particularly as the direction of growth is less able to incorporate the provision of services such as this in comparison to other large-scale growth options in the Borough. It is also noted that the A road running through the centre of the site could result in amenity affects and air pollution for residents in that area.</p> <p>A mixed (potential significant positive and minor negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether additional healthcare such as new GP places are eventually delivered as part of the development of the site.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic in the Borough. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>This SUE would be immediately adjacent to the north eastern edge of Melton Mowbray, which means that opportunities to walk, cycle and use public transport are likely to be good, although the distance to the town centre from the north east of the site is approximately 2.5km. As well as there being a fast and frequent bus service into the town centre, connections can be made to locations further afield from Melton Mowbray</p>

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		<p>railway station which is within approximately 1.8km to the west of the site.</p> <p>There are existing public transport routes that run through the potential development area including the number 8 hourly bus service which runs along the A607 between Grantham and Loughborough (stopping at Melton Mowbray). The journey time to Melton town centre is only around five minutes. The number 18 bus service runs close to the western boundary of the site offering a further hourly frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to existing employment opportunities in Melton Mowbray should mean that residents at the direction of growth are able to access employment opportunities there without using a car, and with a short journey that can be undertaken on foot or by bicycle.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect on this objective is likely.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	<p>The western part of this site is affected by flood zone 2 and 3 and the site is on greenfield land, therefore development here would result in the loss of permeable surfaces in a high flood risk area.</p> <p>As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is to some extent uncertain given that new development may present the opportunity to incorporate SUDS and that development may be sited outside of the area in Flood Zone 3.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Welby SUE – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

SA Objectives	Short term	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the	++	<p>The potential new settlement at Six Hills could accommodate approximately 1,250 new homes. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036¹³⁵. The development would be of sufficient scale to provide for</p>

¹³⁵ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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present and future residents of the Borough.		<p>40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development¹³⁶. Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+/-?	<p>This potential SUE site is located within fairly close proximity of Melton Mowbray but is not adjacent to the existing edge of the town.</p> <p>As such, the development would be located within fairly close proximity of the existing education facilities in Melton Mowbray although the nearest school (St Marys Church of England Primary) is not within reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m), being approximately 700m away in the north of Melton Mowbray and is not accessible via public transport.</p> <p>There is uncertainty about whether a new school would be able to be delivered as part of this development – if this is the case this would support the population growth and avoid the risk of schools nearby becoming overloaded, although if a school or additional school places is not provided, this may occur.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is identified in relation to education, although this is uncertain depending on what capacity there is at the schools in Melton Mowbray to accommodate additional pupils and on whether a new school could be provided as part of the development of this site.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/-?	<p>This potential SUE site is located within fairly close proximity of Melton Mowbray but is not adjacent to the existing edge of the town. The Welby SUE is not directly served by existing public transport links although the 19 and 24 bus services run north of the site along Nottingham Road. The majority of the SUE is within 3km of main services and facilities in Melton Mowbray town centre and therefore accessible by cycling but not on foot. Therefore, levels of car use may be high although this will depend on the extent to which new public transport links may be incorporated into the development.</p> <p>The development of this SUE could help to deliver a small part of the bypass at Melton Mowbray. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective although this is currently uncertain depending on the extent to which sustainable transport links are integrated into the development.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	+/-	<p>The development of this potential SUE would mean that residents have reasonable good access to the job opportunities in Melton Mowbray although opportunities for people without a car to access those jobs may be limited unless appropriate public transport links are integrated into the new development. While the site is</p>

¹³⁶ Melton Borough Council (2015) Local Plan: Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options

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employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		<p>close to the existing employment site at Asfordby, this site has less potential for new employment provision in comparison to some of the alternative options.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The rural character of the Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. Development at this site would not affect any Areas of Separation in the Borough so would not contribute to settlement coalescence. However, this SUE would involve the development of a large area greenfield land which is separate to the urban area of Melton Mowbray. The development would be of a disproportionate scale to the size of Welby and would therefore significantly alter the character and setting of the hamlet.</p> <p>Therefore, a potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is identified although this is uncertain as the sensitivity of this area has not been assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study and because effects will be determined to some extent by the design of the site.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	<p>The potential SUE site is within very close proximity of Asfordby Hill candidate Local Wildlife Site to the south, and Welby Mine Site and Stream candidate Local Wildlife Site to the west. [REDACTED] there are no designated biodiversity features within the site boundary.</p> <p>The loss of the large area of greenfield land to the north west of Melton Mowbray may also have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the detailed development proposals for the site are known.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	<p>There are three Listed Buildings within this site (Welby Grange, Grange Cottage and a stone outbuilding adjacent to the Grange) and a fourth adjacent to the southern boundary of the site (Church of St Bartholomew). Sysonby Grange Scheduled Monument is approximately 175m to the east of the edge of the potential SUE site.</p> <p>Large-scale development at this location could therefore potentially have a significant negative effect on the setting of these designated heritage assets although this is uncertain as there may be the potential to mitigate effects through appropriate design.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	--	<p>The area that would be covered by the potential SUE comprises mostly greenfield land, which is mainly Grade 2 Agricultural Quality Land. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of a large</p>

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		<p>amount of high quality agricultural land and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential SUE site is not within close proximity of any Mineral Consultation Areas; therefore development here is not expected to result in the sterilisation of minerals.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+/-?	<p>The potential SUE would be within fairly close proximity of the services and facilities at Melton Mowbray although there is some separation between the site and the town and public transport services are currently very limited. The likely effects of the site will therefore depend largely on whether new services, as well as improved public transport links to Melton Mowbray, would be provided as part of the development which is not yet known.</p> <p>Large-scale population growth could result in existing services becoming overloaded if new provision is not made, although development near to Melton Mowbray could also support existing services there and ensure their ongoing viability.</p> <p>Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely although this is currently uncertain.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-?	<p>The SUE at Welby would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray although it is not yet known whether new provision is likely to be made as part of this development, which would determine whether there is a risk of facilities becoming overloaded and leaving to social exclusion. The scale of the SUE means that it would contribute to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is currently uncertain.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p>

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		<p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p> <p>As this site is on mainly greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
<p>13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>This site is less able than some of the alternative options to deliver employment land, so may not help to provide employment land or buildings for business or to encourage inward investment and increase the diversity of jobs available locally.</p> <p>The fact that public transport provision in the area is currently very limited means that levels of car use are likely to be high, unless public transport provision is made as part of the development. Although the distance to Melton Mowbray town centre is within 3km from most of the site, so people may be able to cycle, the town isn't accessible on foot. Therefore, the development may have negative effects on congestion which can be detrimental to the local economy.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified although this is uncertain.</p>
<p>14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	<p>+/-?</p>	<p>This potential SUE site is located within fairly close proximity of Melton Mowbray but is not adjacent to the existing edge of the town.</p> <p>As such, the development would be located within fairly close proximity of the existing healthcare facilities in Melton Mowbray although the town is not within reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m). People could cycle into the town which would help increase levels of activity as well as providing access to GPs there; however this wouldn't be possible for all people and if public transport links or new healthcare facilities are not provided, there may be negative effects on health. There is uncertainty about whether new provision would be made – if this is the case this would support the population growth and avoid the risk of GPs nearby becoming overloaded, although if provision is not made, this may occur.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is identified in relation to health, although this is uncertain depending on what new provision is made as part of the development of this site.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	<p>+/-?</p>	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>This potential SUE site is located within fairly close proximity of Melton Mowbray but is not adjacent to the existing edge of the town. The Welby SUE is not directly served by existing public transport links although</p>

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		<p>the 19 and 24 bus services run north of the site along Nottingham Road. The majority of the SUE is within 3km of main services and facilities in Melton Mowbray town centre and therefore accessible by cycling but not on foot. Therefore, levels of car use may be high although this will depend on the extent to which new public transport links may be incorporated into the development.</p> <p>The development of this SUE could help to deliver a small part of the bypass at Melton Mowbray. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective although this is currently uncertain depending on the extent to which sustainable transport links are integrated into the development.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	--?	<p>This potential SUE is located mainly on greenfield land; therefore the development of the site would reduce the area of permeable surfaces which allow for infiltration, thus increasing overall flood risk.</p> <p>An area of flood zone 3 runs through the centre of the site, and there is also high risk of surface water flooding in the centre of the site. While it may be possible to avoid developing in that area, a potential significant negative effect on this objective is identified. However, this is uncertain given that new development presents the opportunity to mitigate flood risk through the incorporation of SuDS.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Belvoir Road, Bottesford (Sustainable Urban Extension) – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of	++	The development of this site has the capacity to provide for 430 new homes. While this figure is lower than for some of the other large-scale development site options in Melton, it will still go some way towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036 ¹³⁷ .

¹³⁷ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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the Borough.		<p>Although the scale of development that could come forward at this SUE is smaller than at some of the other options, it is of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development¹³⁸. Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this objective.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?/-	<p>This potential SUE site is located adjacent to the existing edge of Bottesford to the south. As such, the development would be located within close proximity of the existing education facilities in Bottesford. The SUE would be within walking distance (taken to be 600m) of Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School, both to the west. It should therefore be possible for residents to access these schools without relying on car use.</p> <p>However, the relatively small scale of this potential SUE in comparison to other options means that the SUE would be less able to act as a self-contained settlement and it may not be possible to incorporate a new primary school to support the population growth. New residents would therefore depend on the existing schools in Bottesford, which may result in these facilities becoming overloaded.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is identified in relation to education, although this is uncertain depending on what capacity there is at the schools in Bottesford to accommodate additional pupils.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/-	<p>This potential SUE is immediately adjacent to Bottesford and so residents would be able to access the services, facilities and jobs located there relatively easily via sustainable modes of transport including walking and cycling. However, the range of services, facilities and jobs available in Bottesford is more limited in comparison to Melton Mowbray and therefore longer journeys are likely to be required to access higher order services there and at Grantham, approximately 8km to the east. While there is a bus service to Melton Mowbray which operates hourly between Monday and Saturday (the 24 service), this takes 45 minutes.</p> <p>Further public transport links are available within Bottesford at Bottesford railway station which is located approximately 720m to the north of the SUE and provides direct services to Nottingham and Grantham, which operate hourly at peak times.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	+/-	<p>The development of this potential SUE would mean that residents have good access to the job opportunities in Bottesford and the nearby employment sites including the industrial estate located at the junction of Longhedge Lane and Orston Lane to the west and the large employment site to the north of Bottesford by</p>

¹³⁸ Melton Borough Council (2015) Local Plan: Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options

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employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		<p>Rectory Lane. However, it is noted that the number and range of jobs at Bottesford would be more limited than at Melton Mowbray therefore many people are still likely to travel over longer distances to Melton Mowbray and Grantham which is 8km to the east. The SUE would be closer to Grantham than Melton Mowbray, therefore is likely to result in high levels of out commuting from Melton Borough.</p> <p>The limited scale of the potential SUE development in comparison to other large-scale site options means that the SUE would be least able to contribute to the provision of new employment land.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The rural character of the Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. This SUE would involve the development of a large area greenfield land to the south of Bottesford along the A52 from Belvoir Road to the west to Castle View Road to the east. This development would significantly extend the edge of Bottesford to the south, altering the appearance of the urban form and the setting of Bottesford. The landscape sensitivity of this area to the south of Bottesford has been classified as high due to its intimate/small scale and its intact landscape pattern, and the area is of particular importance to setting of Easthorpe¹³⁹.</p> <p>The SUE would extend within the Area of Separation to the east of Bottesford, and so could contribute to the coalescence of Bottesford and the hamlet of Easthorpe.</p> <p>An overall significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential to mitigate negative effects at least to some extent. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that development should seek to achieve a gradation of development density to the outer edges, linked with new green space provision. Lit development edges should be avoided to assist with conservation of dark night skies/avoidance of sky glow and perception of further urbanising influences.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	<p>The potential SUE site does not include any designated biodiversity sites; however it is within fairly close proximity of a number of potential Local Wildlife Sites and a site containing a number of mature horse chestnut trees to the north. Castle View Road Pond potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 210m to the south east of the site and Six Fields potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 350 of the site to the west. The loss of the large area of greenfield land to the south of Bottesford may also have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p>

¹³⁹ Influence Environmental (2015), Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity & Local Green Space Study

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		A potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the detailed development proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	<p>The closest Listed Building to the potential SUE site is 15 Castle View Road which is a Grade II Listed Building located adjacent to the north of the site. The SUE would also extend within part of Easthorpe Conservation Area which covers much of the northern end of Castle View Road as well as some of Manor Road. Bottesford Conservation Area, which encompasses the central High Street and old Market Place, is located within 250m of the SUE to the north west. The potential SUE is also within 180m of the shifted medieval village earthworks and moat which has been designated as a Scheduled Monument to the north of Manor Road on the approach to Easthorpe.</p> <p>Development at this location could therefore potentially have a significant negative effect on the setting of these designated heritage assets although this is uncertain as there may be the potential to mitigate effects through appropriate design.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	<p>The area that would be covered by the potential SUE comprises mostly greenfield land, all of which is Grade 3 Agricultural Quality although it is not known if it is Grade 3a or 3b. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of a large amount of high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>The potential SUE site is also entirely within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which covers Bottesford and Easthorpe as well as a large area to the north of Bottesford beyond Normanton and towards Staunton in the Vale. Development here could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether the land within the site is Grade 3a or 3b.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	-	<p>The potential SUE would be relatively small in scale compared to the other options proposed (430 new homes would be developed) and as such is not considered to be large enough to act as a self-contained settlement. The scale of development at the SUE would not be large enough to support the provision of new services and facilities as part of the development; therefore residents would rely on existing services nearby. Although Bottesford is a Service Centre which has some essential services and facilities (e.g. Belvoir High School and Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Bottesford Surgery), the range of available services is more limited than at Melton Mowbray and people are therefore likely to need to travel to Melton Mowbray or Grantham to access higher order services. There is also a risk of the services at Bottesford becoming overloaded as a result of increased demand from the development of the SUE.</p> <p>Overall, a minor negative effect is likely.</p>

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	<p>The SUE to the south of Bottesford would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Bottesford; however the scale of the development would mean that new provision is unlikely to be made, increasing the risks of facilities becoming overloaded and leaving to social exclusion. However, even though the SUE would be relatively small, it would still contribute to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p> <p>As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	-	<p>The limited scale of the potential SUE development in comparison to other large-scale site options means that the SUE would be least able to contribute to the provision of new employment land or buildings and therefore it will not make a contribution to the diversity of jobs available in the Borough.</p> <p>As the SUE would be adjacent to Bottesford there would be relatively good opportunities to use sustainable modes of transport locally which could help to reduce congestion (which can otherwise have negative effects on the local economy). However, the distance of the development at Bottesford from the main centres of Melton Mowbray and Grantham (outside of the Borough) could mean that levels of car use from the site are relatively high, despite the availability of public transport links.</p> <p>A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities,	+/-	<p>Existing healthcare facilities are provided within Bottesford at Bottesford Surgery on Walford Close which is</p>

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<p>promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>		<p>located within walking distance of the SUE to the north west. The SUE is also located in close proximity of a number of open spaces within Bottesford which may help to encourage increased levels of activity amongst new residents. These include a children's play area, an amenity greenspace, a football pitch and a bowling green, all of which are located to the east of Belvoir Road within 120m of the potential SUE. The proximity of the SUE to Bottesford may mean that there are reasonable opportunities for people to walk and cycle to access the jobs and essential services that are located there, and new open spaces may be able to be provided within the SUE.</p> <p>However, the reduced scale of the development that could come forward at this SUE in comparison to other locations would also result in residential development which would be less self-contained. New healthcare facilities are not expected to be provided and residents would rely on the existing facilities in Bottesford which could therefore be at more risk of becoming overloaded.</p> <p>Overall a mixed effect (minor positive and minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	+/-	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>This potential SUE is immediately adjacent to Bottesford and so residents would be able to access the services, facilities and jobs located there relatively easily via sustainable modes of transport including walking and cycling. However, the range of services, facilities and jobs available in Bottesford is more limited in comparison to Melton Mowbray and therefore longer journeys are likely to be required to access higher order services there and at Grantham, approximately 8km to the east. While there is a bus service to Melton Mowbray which operates hourly between Monday and Saturday (the 24 service), this takes 45 minutes and levels of car use are therefore likely to be relatively high.</p> <p>Further public transport links are available within Bottesford at Bottesford railway station which is located approximately 720m to the north of the SUE and provides direct services to Nottingham and Grantham, which operate hourly at peak times.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and</p>	-?	<p>This potential SUE is located mainly on greenfield land with only a small area to the south east of the SUE along Castle View Road being previously developed. As such the development of this greenfield land would reduce the area of permeable surfaces which allow for infiltration, thus increasing overall flood risk.</p>

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elsewhere.		<p>Areas of the site to the north and south by the River Devon and Winter Beck respectively as well as along Castle view Road to the east are partially within Flood Zones 2 and 3. However, these areas comprise a small proportion of the overall area of the SUE and it is likely that development could be located in the areas outside of the flood zones.</p> <p>As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain given that new development presents the opportunity to mitigate flood risk through the incorporation of SuDS and depending on whether the parts of the site in flood zones 2 and 3 are eventually developed.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Normanton Airfield (new settlement) – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++?	<p>The development of this site would provide for around 1,800 new homes which would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036¹⁴⁰. The development would be of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development¹⁴¹. Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective although there is some uncertainty as parts of the site are occupied by existing employment uses at Roseland Business Park, which could reduce potential housing capacity.</p>
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>The nearest existing schools to this potential development site are at Bottesford where there are two schools: Bottesford Church of England Primary School on Barkestone Lane and Belvoir High School on Belvoir Lane. Both of these schools are located approximately 2.5km from the Normanton Airfield site option and so could not be reached on foot. The remoteness of the site at Normanton Airfield would mean a new school would have to be provided onsite to support the residential development in order to avoid unsustainable</p>

¹⁴⁰ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

¹⁴¹ Melton Borough Council (2015) Local Plan: Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options

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		dependency on car journeys, given the lack of public transport options in the area. However, the extent to which school provision would be incorporated is uncertain, particularly given the uncertainties about the amount of homes that could be accommodated at the site. There is also uncertainty about capacity at the schools in Bottesford to accommodate additional pupils. Overall, a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	--?	<p>The Normanton Airfield site is located to the north of the village of Normanton on a former Royal Air Force station. Given that Normanton is classed as a Rural Settlement and considering its small size it is unsurprising that the village lacks public transport provision. As such, new residents would be required to travel to Bottesford train station which is located within 1.4km away in order to access public transport to destinations further afield.</p> <p>There are limited services, facilities and job opportunities in the area which is some distance from Melton Mowbray and the range available in the northern area of the Borough is limited (although there is some existing employment provision at Roseland Business Park). People are likely to travel over longer distances to Melton Mowbray and Grantham (outside of the Borough) day to day, so are likely to undertake longer journeys and rely on car use.</p> <p>A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on whether new sustainable transport links could be incorporated into the new development.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+/--	<p>Development in the far north of the Borough, away from Melton Mowbray, may result in increased levels of out-commuting from the Borough as residents would be in closer proximity to job opportunities in Grantham to the east.</p> <p>The scale of the development at Normanton Airfield means that employment provision could be incorporated, and the site is close to existing employment land at Roseland Business Park which is adjacent to the site to the north east. The proximity of the site to this existing employment land could promote mixed-use development and provide new residents with good access to jobs within close proximity.</p> <p>The site would be detached from the more developed areas of the Borough, however - the closest Service Centre is Bottesford approximately 1.5km to the south, and given the lack of public transport provision in this area, employment sites which are not located close by would only be accessible by unsustainable private car journeys. Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	Some of this site has previously been developed, which would reduce the potential landscape impacts of development at Normanton Airfield. It is not within an Area of Separation so would not lead to settlement coalescence. However, the area surrounding the airfield is rural and undeveloped in character, becoming less so towards the Roseland Business Park to the north west. The large-scale development of this site, which is not adjacent to an existing urban area, would therefore have a significant effect on the landscape.

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		Therefore, a potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is identified although this is uncertain as the sensitivity of this area has not been assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study and because effects will be determined to some extent by the design of the site.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	This site contains a potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Airfield Road Verge) which is located along Normanton lane to the west. Another candidate Local Wildlife Site is also on Normanton Lane just beyond the boundary of the site to the south west. [REDACTED] Development of this site would also result in loss of a large amount of greenfield land which may be of habitat value. As such, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that the development proposed may allow for the inclusion of green infrastructure which may promote habitat connectivity in the area.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	This potential development site contains a small part of Normanton Conservation Area to the south west which extends along the built up area of the village but includes tracts of open countryside to the rear of the buildings on either side of Main Street. The settlement within the Conservation Area is characterised by small clusters of dwellings separated by open countryside and spaces. Normanton Hall, Normanton House and Three Shires Farmhouse have all been designated as Grade II Listed Buildings on Main Street and are located within a 270m of the site to the south west. As such, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that the design of the site is not known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	<p>This site comprises a mix of brownfield land and greenfield land. However, all of the greenfield land within the site boundary has been classified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of a sizeable amount of high quality agricultural land particularly to the south of the site and to the west of Main Street. However, it is not known if this is Grade 3a or 3b.</p> <p>A small part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) is also within the SUE towards its western edge. The close proximity of this MCA may result in the sterilisation of minerals at this location although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether the land within the site is Grade 3a or 3b.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	--?	This large scale site option is located to the north Normanton which is classified as a Rural Settlement by Melton Borough Council. As such, residents at the new settlement would be able to access few services at Normanton. Bottesford, which is approximately 1.5km to the south west, is a Service Centre and as such could serve peoples' basic day to day needs in terms of services and facilities. There is uncertainty about the extent to which new services and facilities might be provided as part of the development, as the number of homes that would be developed is uncertain. However, the development would be located in one of the most

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		<p>remote parts of the Borough in relation to Melton Mowbray where most services and facilities are located, and is also 8km from Grantham outside of the Borough where services are also concentrated. Access to services is further restricted by the relatively poor public transport provision in this area.</p> <p>A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether services are able to be incorporated into the development.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-?	<p>The potential new development at Normanton Airfield would be some distance from the existing schools and employment opportunities at Bottesford which could risk social exclusion. It is currently uncertain whether it may be possible to make new provision, reducing the risks of facilities becoming overloaded and leaving to social exclusion. However, the large size of the development would mean that there is likely to be a good contribution to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on the extent to which services are incorporated into the new development, enabling it to be relatively self-contained.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale as would be the case at this site, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include any new development.</p> <p>As this site is mainly on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. However, there is some brownfield land within the site and so there may be some limited opportunities to minimise waste generation by re-using materials from those buildings. Therefore, a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is identified.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and	+/-	<p>The transport infrastructure in the area surrounding Normanton Airfield is relatively poor with on main route (Normanton Lane/Main Street) running from north to south through the site and east to west routes more</p>

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<p>infrastructure to enable economic growth.</p>		<p>limited still. Although Bottesford train station provides regular access to Nottingham within 30 minutes it is located approximately 1.4km to the south of the site and public transport is not provided at Normanton itself. Therefore, development in this relatively isolated location is likely to contribute to car use and congestion in the Borough, which can have a negative effect on the economy.</p> <p>The site is located adjacent to the Roseland Business Park to the north east and this may enable mixed use development to come forward. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	-?	<p>The nearest existing healthcare facilities to this potential development site are at Bottesford (Bottesford Surgery on Walford Close). This is approximately 2.5km from the Normanton Airfield site option and so could not be reached on foot. The remoteness of the site at Normanton Airfield would mean that near healthcare facilities would have to be provided onsite to support the residential development in order to avoid unsustainable dependency on car journeys, given the lack of public transport options in the area. However, the extent to which healthcare provision would be incorporated is uncertain, particularly given the uncertainties about the amount of homes that could be accommodated at the site. There is also uncertainty about capacity at the surgery in Bottesford to accommodate additional patients. Existing access to the local public rights of way network is available only via one footpath at the south of the site. Additionally the site is not located in close proximity to any existing open space provision; the closest of such areas is located in Bottesford to the south.</p> <p>Opportunities to walk and cycle day to day are likely to be limited, due to the remoteness of the site from urban areas, and overall, a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	--	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>The Normanton Airfield site is located to the north of the village of Normanton on a former Royal Air Force station. Given that Normanton is classed as a Rural Settlement and considering its small size it is unsurprising that the village lacks public transport provision. As such, new residents would be required to travel to Bottesford train station which is located within 1.4km away in order to access public transport to destinations further afield.</p> <p>There are limited services, facilities and job opportunities in the area which is some distance from Melton Mowbray and the range available in the northern area of the Borough is limited (although there is some existing employment provision at Roseland Business Park). People are likely to travel over longer distances</p>

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		to Melton Mowbray and Grantham (outside of the Borough) day to day, so are likely to undertake longer journeys and rely on car use, thereby increasing greenhouse gas emissions. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on whether new sustainable transport links could be incorporated into the new development.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-?	The development of a new settlement by Normanton Airfield would not result in development within Flood Zones 2 or 3. However, the site does contain small areas of land which have been classified as being at high risk of surface water flooding (taken to be a risk of flooding that is greater than 1 in 30 each year). The largest of these areas is located to the east of Main Street along the remnants of the disused runway within the airfield. Although part of the site is previously developed, development at the airfield would involve the loss of sizeable areas of greenfield land which would reduce the area of permeable surfaces and reduce infiltration, potentially increasing flood risk. Overall a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective given that the development would result in a large area of greenfield land but would mostly be located outside areas which at high risk of flooding. The effect is uncertain given that SuDS maybe incorporated as part of the new development.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development. There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.

Dalby Airfield (New Settlement) – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++?	The development of a new settlement at Dalby Airfield could deliver around 1,150 new homes and so would make a substantial contribution to the requirement for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum in Melton Borough up to 2036 ¹⁴² . The large scale of the development would allow for the provision of 40% affordable housing without affecting viability, and therefore the development would also be expected to contribute to the delivery of the 1,775 affordable homes required in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.

¹⁴² GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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		However, there is some uncertainty with regards to the number of homes that may be provided at the site as this will depend on whether the parts of the site that are currently occupied by employment uses will be redeveloped for housing or not. Therefore, a potential but uncertain significant positive effect is identified.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-?	<p>This site would be developed as a new settlement, which would be detached from the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's existing schools, particularly at secondary level. The distance between the site and Melton Mowbray town centre is over 2km; therefore opportunities to access existing schools in the town via sustainable modes of transport may be limited. The nearest existing school to the site is Swallowdale Primary School in Melton Mowbray, approximately 1km to the north, so is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m). Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing schools (such as Swallowdale Primary School) becoming overloaded, particularly as there is limited potential for the provision of a new school as part of the development of this site.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places can eventually be delivered as part of the development of the site.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/--?	<p>This site would be developed as a new settlement and is detached from the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray, which could mean that levels of car use are likely to be high. The distance between the centre of the site and the centre of Melton Mowbray is over 2km; therefore people would not be able to access the town centre on foot. However, it may be possible to incorporate sustainable transport links such as a cycle path into the town, or new bus links, and it is noted that there would be access to a fast and frequent existing bus service into Melton Mowbray from this site. The existing public transport routes that run adjacent to the site include the 100 bus service which runs from Melton Mowbray to Leicester hourly. Journey times to Melton Mowbray town centre are approximately 10 minutes.</p> <p>Unlike some of the other large-scale site options, this site is unlikely to contribute to the implementation of a Melton Mowbray by-pass. While this may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre are lost, the potential effects of a bypass in terms of facilitating convenient car use, which may mean that modal shift is more difficult to achieve, would also not occur.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to existing employment opportunities at the Old Dalby Airfield Industrial Park could mean that residents at the new settlement are able to access employment opportunities there without using a car, and with a short journey that can be undertaken on foot or by bicycle. However, this is uncertain depending on whether those employment uses are retained or if the Industrial Park is redeveloped for housing as part of the delivery of the site.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect on this objective is likely, although effects are currently uncertain depending on the extent to which sustainable transport links are eventually incorporated</p>

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		into the new development and depending on whether the development that is delivered is mixed use, incorporating both employment and housing development.
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	--/+?	<p>The effects of this site option on the local economy will depend largely on whether the existing employment uses within the site are retained or not. If the employment uses are redeveloped for housing there would be a negative effect on this objective as a result of the loss of employment land and the potential loss of the associated jobs (although this is uncertain depending on whether the uses can be relocated). However, if the employment uses at the site are retained, residents would be easily able to access to jobs there and the site would continue to contribute to the available employment land in Melton Borough.</p> <p>The site is disconnected from Melton Mowbray with the town centre being over 2km from this site. Therefore, residents here would be relatively distant from the jobs that are focussed there.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (significant negative and minor positive) effect on this objective is identified, although effects are currently uncertain depending on whether the existing employment uses at the site are retained.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--?	<p>The rural character of Melton Borough has the potential to be adversely impacted upon by any form and scale of development. Although the development of this site would not result in any form of settlement coalescence and would not encroach upon any of the Areas of Separation in the Borough, it would involve the development of a large area of mainly greenfield land to the south of Melton Mowbray on the old Dalby Airfield site. This development would comprise a new area of built development in the open countryside and would be detached from any existing urban form.</p> <p>The landscape of this area to the south of the Melton Mowbray where the site is located has been classified as being of medium to high sensitivity as a result of the mostly intricate, small scale landscape and cultural pattern¹⁴³. However, it is recognised that the area has a lower sensitivity in visual terms due to the containment afforded by surrounding ridges (including the locally prominent one on which Burton Lazars is sited) and the folded valley landform which defines the southern hinterland of Melton Mowbray. If the site is developed, a soft landscape edge should be created by the development in order to mitigate its impacts – the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study recommends ‘a porous edge with reduced density, ridge and furrow conserved as green infrastructure wherever possible, and sensitively sited and designed infrastructure’.</p> <p>Overall, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. However, the negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of any development and considering that there may be potential to mitigate these effects.</p>

¹⁴³ Influence Environmental (2015), Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity & Local Green Space Study

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	<p>The area in which this site is located is less constrained than some parts of Melton Borough in relation to designated biodiversity and geodiversity features; however there may be undesignated habitats and species of value in the area. There are no designated sites such as SSSIs or Local Wildlife Sites within or close to the site boundary; however a number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have been identified within this area, to the west and east of the site, as close as 30m from the site boundary.</p> <p>The development of this large area of mainly greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat loss, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p> <p>Therefore, an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may include the provision of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	<p>This site is relatively unconstrained in relation to designated heritage assets, the closest being a listed building (Eye Kettleby Hall) approximately 720m to the west. There are also a number of other listed buildings within Great Dalby, approximately 1.2km to the south.</p> <p>As the site is relatively isolated and is separate from Melton Mowbray or any other existing built up area, the potential for impacts on individual heritage assets is limited and a negligible effect is identified.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	<p>The area covered by the potential development site comprises mainly greenfield land which has been classified as being of Grade 3 agricultural quality. The development of this site would therefore result in the loss of a large amount of high quality agricultural land although it is not known if this is Grade 3a or Grade 3b land.</p> <p>The nearest Mineral Consultation Area is for sand and gravel and is located well outside of the development area, approximately 800m to the north west. Therefore, the development of this site is not expected to result in the sterilisation of minerals resources.</p> <p>A potential significant negative effect is likely overall in relation to the loss of agricultural land; however this is uncertain depending on whether the site is within Grade 3a or 3b agricultural land, which is not known.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+ +/-?	<p>This site would be developed as a new settlement, which would be detached from the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's services and facilities. Therefore, opportunities to access existing services in the town on foot would not be possible, although it is noted that there is access to a fast and frequent bus service into the town. Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services and facilities becoming overloaded, particularly as there is uncertainty about the extent to which new services and facilities would be provided as part of the</p>

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		<p>development.</p> <p>However, the size of this potential new settlement - there would be potential to accommodate around 1,150 new houses at this location – means that there is potential for the settlement to be relatively self-contained. The population growth likely to result from the development of the site would mean that new services and facilities such as a school, healthcare facilities, shops and other services could potentially be provided as part of the new settlement. This would benefit the cohesion of the new development area, which would comprise a stand-alone new community, separate from the urban area of Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>As such a mixed (potential significant positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain, depending on the extent to which new services and facilities are eventually developed within this site.</p>
<p>10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The potential new settlement at Dalby Airfield would be some distance from the existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray which could risk social exclusion. However, the scale of the development means that it may be possible to make new provision, reducing the risks of facilities becoming overloaded and leaving to social exclusion. The large size of the SUE would also mean that there is likely to be a good contribution to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on the extent to which services are incorporated into the new development, enabling it to be relatively self-contained.</p>
<p>11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.</p> <p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
<p>12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.</p>	<p>+?</p>	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale as would be the case at this site, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include any new development.</p>

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		As this site is mainly on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. However, depending on whether the existing employment uses within the central part of the site are retained, there may be some limited opportunities to minimise waste generation by re-using materials from those buildings. Therefore, a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is identified.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+/--?	<p>The economic effects of developing this site for a new settlement will depend largely on whether the existing employment uses within the site are retained or not. If these buildings are redeveloped for housing there would be a significant negative effect on this objective as a result of the loss of employment land (although this is uncertain depending on whether the uses can be relocated). However, if the employment uses at the site are retained, residents would be easily able to access to jobs there and the site would continue to contribute to the available employment land in Melton Borough.</p> <p>Unlike some of the other large-scale site options, this site is unlikely to contribute to the implementation of a Melton Mowbray by-pass. This may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre, which can affect economic growth, are lost.</p> <p>Overall a potential mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect on this objective is likely, although effects are currently uncertain depending on whether the existing employment uses at the site are retained.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-?	<p>This site would be developed as a new settlement, which would be detached from the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there are existing healthcare facilities including Latham House Medical Practice which is approximately 2.5km to the north of Dalby Airfield, in central Melton Mowbray, as well as Melton Hospital. Therefore, opportunities to access existing healthcare facilities in the town via sustainable modes of transport may be limited. Focussing large scale population in growth in one location could result in the nearest existing healthcare facilities (such as Latham House Medical Practice) becoming overloaded, particularly as there is uncertainty about the extent to which new services and facilities (such as GP places) would be provided as part of the development. However, the scale of the development means that this may be possible.</p> <p>The distance of this site from Melton Mowbray means that opportunities to walk and cycle day to day are likely to be limited, which can otherwise contribute to healthier lifestyles.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified, although this is uncertain depending on whether new healthcare facilities are eventually delivered as part of the development of the site.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the	+/--?	The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic in the Borough. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
Borough.		<p>This site would be developed as a new settlement which could be large enough to incorporate services and facilities which would reduce the need to travel further afield, although the smaller size in comparison to some of the other large-scale development site options means that there is uncertainty about the extent to which services and facilities would be incorporated on site.</p> <p>The site is separate from Melton Mowbray and so opportunities to walk and cycle into the town centre to access jobs, services and facilities there are likely to be limited. However, there is access to a fast and frequent bus link and it may be possible to incorporate new sustainable transport links into the development, such as cycle paths.</p> <p>Unlike some of the other large-scale site options, this site is unlikely to contribute to the implementation of a Melton Mowbray by-pass. While this may mean that opportunities to improve congestion in the town centre are lost, the potential effects of a bypass in terms of facilitating convenient car use, which may mean that modal shift is more difficult to achieve, would also not occur.</p> <p>The proximity of the site to existing employment opportunities at the Old Dalby Airfield Industrial Park could mean that residents at the new settlement are able to access employment opportunities there without using a car, and with a short journey that can be undertaken on foot or by bicycle. However, this is uncertain depending on whether those employment uses are retained or if the Industrial Park is redeveloped for housing as part of the delivery of the site.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect on this objective is likely, although effects are currently uncertain depending on the extent to which sustainable transport links are eventually incorporated into the new development and depending on whether the development that is delivered is mixed use, incorporating both employment and housing development.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-?	<p>A small area of this site in the west is affected by Flood Zone 3, although none of the site is considered to be at high risk from surface water flooding. The area which is within Flood Zone 3 is very small when compared to the total area of the site and it is likely that development could be avoided in that area, which could instead be used for open space.</p> <p>The development would, however, involve the development of a large area of greenfield land which would reduce the amount of permeable land in Melton. This would reduce levels of infiltration and increase runoff. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that new development may present the opportunity to incorporate SUDS and that development may be sited outside of the area in Flood Zone 3.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water	0	While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development. There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.

Six Hills (new settlement) – not allocated in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	The potential new settlement at Six Hills could accommodate approximately 2,300 new homes. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036 ¹⁴⁴ . The development would be of sufficient scale to provide for 40% affordable housing without affecting the viability of the development ¹⁴⁵ . Therefore, it would help to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in the Borough between 2011 and 2036. A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	--	The site is located to the east of Six Hills which is classified as a Rural Settlement by Melton Borough Council. As such, no essential services or facilities are provided at this location. The new settlement would not be located within close proximity of any higher order centres; the closest being Asfordby (a Service Centre) which is located approximately 4.5km to the south east. The closest existing school is Old Dalby Church of England Primary School which is located in Old Dalby on Longcliff Hill approximately 2.7km from the site. As such, the site is considered to provide a poor level of access to educational facilities and this issue is compounded considering that public transport services are not accessible in the area. Residential development at this location would have to be supported by the wholesale provision of services and facilities such as schools and there is uncertainty about the deliverability and viability of this. A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people	--	There is no direct access to public transport from this site. The nearest bus stop in the Borough is located at Old Dalby on Main Road which is within 2.2km of the site and services from here are poor – there is a two hourly service (Monday to Saturday) to Melton Mowbray town centre and takes approximately 30 minutes. The nearest train station to the site is located in Melton Mowbray which is approximately 9.3km from the site to the south east. As such, levels of car use are likely to be high. The remoteness of the site from the concentration of services and facilities at Melton Mowbray and the larger villages means that walking and

¹⁴⁴ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

¹⁴⁵ Melton Borough Council (2015) Local Plan: Assessing Large Scale Development Site Options

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
can make sustainable transport choices.		cycling day to day is likely to be unviable. A significant negative effect on sustainable transport and accessibility is therefore likely.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+/--	<p>The new settlement at Six Hills would be adjacent to a small area of existing employment land to the south west by the junction of the A46 and the B676. As such, new residents would have good access to the limited number of employment opportunities which are provided here. However, further existing employment opportunities are not located in close proximity to the site given that the nearest Service Centre to the site in the Borough is 4.6km to the south east at Asfordby.</p> <p>The site is large enough (150ha) to accommodate employment land within its boundaries and the location of the site alongside the A46 means that it is in a strategically advantageous position. Therefore, the development could increase the number of jobs available in the Borough although they would be located away from the main population centre at Melton Mowbray. The lack of public transport within the Six Hills area would be to the detriment of new residents wishing to access employment opportunities in other areas and may also prevent people from elsewhere accessing employment opportunities provided at the site.</p> <p>The site is as close to Loughborough as Melton Mowbray; therefore people are likely to commute out of the Borough to work.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The development of a new settlement at Six Hills would result in the loss of a large area of greenfield land. Although much of the land is within the existing Six Hills Golf Course, the area is mostly free from development and as such the character is defined by its rural nature. The area does not contain any Areas of Separation that would be affected by development.</p> <p>Therefore, a potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is identified although this is uncertain as the sensitivity of this area has not been assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study and because effects will be determined to some extent by the design of the site.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	<p>The majority of this site is currently greenfield land and as such the development of this area may result in habitat loss. The site is located within 70m of the Twenty Acre Piece SSSI which is on the western side of the A46 to the south west of the site. Areas which have been identified as important for great crested newts in the Borough are located within 45m of the site on the northern side of the A6006. The nearest Local Wildlife Site to the potential Six Hills new settlement is Shoby Scholes Grassland which is within 900m to the south east. Given that the site is in close proximity to but does not contain any areas which have been designated due to their importance in terms of biodiversity a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain considering that new development may allow for green infrastructure provision which may in turn promote habitat connectivity in the Borough.</p>

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	The potential new settlement area at Six Hills does not contain any designated heritage assets such as listed buildings or Conservation Areas. The nearest are the Grade II* Listed Building Church of All Saints and its cross and the churchyard wall which is a Grade II Listed Building which are located in Ragdale which is within 1.6km of the site to the south east. As such, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site come forward.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	<p>The area covered by the potential new settlement is entirely greenfield land. All of this land has been classified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. Therefore, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain given that it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or 3b quality.</p> <p>The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of a sizeable amount of high quality agricultural land. The closest Minerals Consultation Area (MCA) is located within 630m of the site to the west and is for gypsum. Therefore, sterilisation is not expected to result from the development of this site.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	--?	<p>The site is located to the east of Six Hills which is classified as a Rural Settlement by Melton Borough Council. As such, no essential services or facilities are provided at this location. The new settlement would not be located within close proximity of any higher order centres; the closest being Asfordby (a Service Centre) which is located approximately 4.5km to the south east.</p> <p>The development of this site could result in the loss of the existing Six Hills Golf Course.</p> <p>There are uncertainties with regards to the deliverability and viability of providing the required services as part of a development at this site. A significant negative is therefore expected on this SA objective although there is some uncertainty with regards to whether Six Hills golf course may be maintained as part of the new development and whether new services are eventually able to be incorporated as part of the proposed development.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-?	<p>The potential new development at Six Hills would be some distance from the existing schools and employment opportunities which could risk social exclusion, particular as it is uncertain whether it may be possible to make new provision, leading to social exclusion. However, the size of the development would mean that there is likely to be a good contribution to the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on the extent to which services are eventually able to be incorporated into the new development, enabling it to be relatively self-contained.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known.

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		<p>The allocation of this site for development would also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of site. Therefore, the effects on this SA objective are negligible.</p>
<p>12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.</p>	0	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale as would be the case at this site, will result in an increase in waste generation. However, the increase in waste generation within Melton Borough will be determined by the overall level of growth proposed, rather than its location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development.</p> <p>As this site is mainly on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
<p>13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.</p>	+/-	<p>The development of a new settlement at Six Hills is likely to result in high levels of car use which would contribute to congestion in the Borough which can be detrimental to the local economy.</p> <p>However, the site is of a scale to be able to make a contribution towards employment land and buildings in the Borough in a strategically advantageous location by the A46, thereby potentially improving the diversity of jobs available.</p> <p>As such a mixed effect (minor positive and minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	--?	<p>The development of a new settlement at Six Hills would result in the provision of a high number of new homes at a location which is not supported by an existing Rural Service Centre. As such no healthcare facilities are currently in close proximity to the site. Asfordby provides access to the nearest healthcare centre which is located by regency Road within 5.3km to the south east. The site is currently on land which provides active recreational use in the form of a golf course and development at this location may result in the loss of this use. The site is also not in close proximity of any other existing areas open space or sports facilities. The proximity of the site to the A46 could result in noise and amenity effects for residents.</p> <p>As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain as the new development may present opportunities to incorporate new areas of open space and Six Hills Golf Course may be preserved as part of the development.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the</p>	--	<p>The likely effects of new large-scale development sites on greenhouse gas emissions and air quality will depend largely on the extent to which it is likely to generate additional vehicle traffic in the Borough. While large-scale new development will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will not be influenced by the location of the new housing. All large-scale site options could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation.</p>

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Borough.		There is no direct access to public transport from this site. The nearest bus stop in the Borough is located at Old Dalby on Main Road which is within 2.2km of the site. The nearest train station to the site is located in Melton Mowbray which is approximately 9.3km from the site to the south east. As such, levels of car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants are likely to be high. The remoteness of the site from the concentration of services and facilities at Melton Mowbray and the larger villages means that walking and cycling day to day is likely to be unviable. A significant negative effect on this objective is therefore likely.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-?	<p>The large scale development site proposed at Six Hills is not located within Flood Zone 2 or Flood Zone 3. The site does contain small areas of land which have been classified as being at high risk of surface water flooding (taken to be a risk of flooding that is greater than 1 in 30 each year). These areas are located to the west, centrally and also to the east along tributaries of Kingston Brook. However, they comprise a very small proportion of the total site area and it may be possible to direct built development away from those parts of the site.</p> <p>The development of this area would, however, result in the loss of a large area of greenfield land which would reduce infiltration and increase runoff. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that new development may incorporate SuDS and depending on the location of development within the site in relation to the areas at high risk of surface water flooding.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend more on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore negligible.</p>

Appendix 8

Reasons for Selecting and Rejecting Site Options

Site code/name	Included in Emerging Options Local Plan?	Included in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan?	Melton Borough Council's reasons for selecting or rejecting the site
Large Scale Site Options			
Melton East	No	No	The Melton East – Direction of Growth is only able to meet a limited number of the strategic priorities of the emerging Local Plan. A large part of the site is located within flood zone 3, reducing the potential site capacity. The site is therefore less able to make a significant contribution to housing, affordable housing and employment requirements when compared to alternatives. Despite being in a strategically advantageous position in relation to existing services, facilities and employment in Melton Mowbray the site has not been promoted through the SHLAA and there are resultant uncertainties in the deliverability of this land as an option.
Melton West	No	Not an allocation. Identified as a potential alternative long-term option in the case of Local Plan Review triggered by Policy SS6.	The Melton West SUE – Direction of Growth has not been promoted through the SHLAA and there are resultant uncertainties in the deliverability of this land as an option. The site contains multiple constraints, in particular, flooding and landscape constraints.
Melton North	Yes	Yes (Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood)	The Melton North SUE is able to meet many of the strategic priorities of the emerging Local Plan. The site is of sufficient scale to make a significant contribution to outstanding housing, affordable housing and employment requirements. The option is in a strategically advantageous position that is closely related to existing services and facilities in Melton Mowbray and has access to existing employment opportunities and public transport alternatives. There are potential transport improvements resulting from the site's strategic location and ability to contribute to a Melton Mowbray distributor road, which could reduce air pollution and traffic congestion in the town centre. Whilst the Melton North SUE has the potential to accommodate some 5,350 new houses, the level of required growth is expected to be between 1,500 and 2,000 houses ¹⁴⁶ . This would provide the critical mass to support necessary infrastructure (such as delivery of a primary school) and the site is capable of delivering a large number of homes during the plan period.
Melton South, incorporating Melton	No	No	The Melton South option alone is included in the Local Plan as an allocation (see

¹⁴⁶ Potential capacities will be informed by more detailed analysis of deliverability and viability.

Site code/name	Included in Emerging Options Local Plan?	Included in the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan?	Melton Borough Council's reasons for selecting or rejecting the site
South East			reasons below). Melton South East alone is not selected as an allocation (see reasons below). A combined site was not selected as an allocation because of reasons identified in the Melton South East assessment. In addition, the allocations are able to meet the residual requirements for growth.
Melton South, not incorporating Melton South East	Yes	Yes (Melton Mowbray South Sustainable Neighbourhood)	The Melton South SUE is able to meet many of the strategic priorities of the emerging Local Plan. The site is of sufficient scale to make a significant contribution to outstanding housing, affordable housing and employment requirements. The option is in a strategically advantageous position that is closely related to existing services and facilities in Melton Mowbray and has access to nearby employment opportunities and public transport alternatives. There are significant transport advantages because of the site's strategic location and ability to contribute to a Melton Mowbray distributor road which could reduce air pollution and traffic congestion in the town centre. Whilst the Melton South SUE has the potential to accommodate some 4,400 new houses, the level of required growth is expected to be between 1,700 to 2,000 houses ¹⁴⁷ . This would provide the critical mass to support necessary infrastructure (such as delivery of a primary school) and the site is capable of delivering a large number of houses during the plan period.
Melton South East	No	No	The Melton South-East large scale development site is only able to meet a limited number of the strategic priorities of the emerging Local Plan. The site is less able to make a significant contribution to housing, affordable housing and employment requirements when compared to other SUE alternatives close to Melton Mowbray. A large proportion of the site could have a detrimental impact on the strategic gap between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars. Despite being in a strategically advantageous position in relation to existing services, facilities and employment the site is not selected as a Large Scale Development Site allocation.
Thorpe Arnold	No	No	The Thorpe Arnold large scale development site is only able to meet a limited number of the strategic priorities of the emerging Local Plan. The site would only make a modest contribution to housing, affordable housing and employment requirements in the context of overall requirements. There are potential adverse impacts on environmental concerns including bio-diversity, heritage assets, and the strategically important separation between Melton Mowbray and Thorpe Arnold.
Welby	No	No	The Welby large scale development site is detached from the main town of Melton Mowbray and has limited direct access to a choice of transport modes. The proposed site is only able to meet a limited number of the strategic priorities of the emerging Local Plan. There are potentially significant adverse impacts on the

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			character of Welby which is a small remote hamlet.
Belvoir Road, Bottesford	No	No	The Bottesford SUE is only able to meet a limited number of the strategic priorities of the emerging Local Plan. The site is too small to make a significant contribution to housing, affordable housing and employment requirements. There are potential adverse impacts on environmental concerns including heritage assets, flooding and a strategically important Area of Separation. The site is largely remote from higher order services and facilities. Whilst Bottesford is a settlement that is able to accommodate some growth, the scale of the proposed site does not lend itself well as an option for a Sustainable Urban Extension.
Normanton Airfield	No	Not an allocation. Identified as a potential alternative long-term option in the case of Local Plan Review triggered by Policy SS6.	The Normanton Airfield large scale development site is remote from the main urban areas and Rural Service Centres. There is no locally available public transport service adjacent to the site and there is limited potential for walking and cycling to access local services and facilities – thereby increasing reliance on private cars. The proposed large scale development site could help meet the Local Plan strategic priorities of providing new housing and affordable housing but there is uncertainty over the scale of available land and the ability to deliver services and facilities on site. In summary, there are strong reasons not to pursue a 'new settlement' at Normanton airfield. Whilst the scale of the proposal is large, because of its remoteness, all new services and facilities would need to be provided on site without resulting in an unsustainable dependency on lengthy private car journeys to other centres. There is considerable uncertainty about the ability of the Normanton Airfield large scale development site to create such a mix of uses.
Dalby Airfield	No	Not an allocation. Identified as a potential alternative long-term option in the case of Local Plan Review triggered by Policy SS6.	The Dalby large scale development site is largely remote from the main urban area. Whilst there is a public transport service that runs adjacent to the site, it is unlikely that walking and cycling would be commonplace in accessing local services and facilities in Melton Mowbray town centre. The proposed large scale development site could be able to meet the Local Plan strategic priorities of providing a sizeable amount of new housing and affordable housing but there is uncertainty over the scale of available land and the ability to deliver services and facilities on site. Alternative options close to Melton Mowbray offer greater potential to meet the strategic priorities of the plan.
Six Hills	No	Not an allocation. Identified as a	The proposed Six Hills New Settlement is remote from the main urban areas and service centres. There is no locally available public transport service adjacent to the site. Walking and cycling is currently not an option to access local services and

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		potential alternative long-term option in the case of Local Plan Review triggered by Policy SS6.	facilities. Whilst the scale of the proposal is large, the site is isolated and remote from higher order centres. In order to provide a sustainable settlement, all new services and facilities would need to be provided 'on site' to avoid an unsustainable dependency on lengthy private car journeys to other centres. There is considerable uncertainty about the ability of the Six Hills new settlement to create such a mix of uses.
Small Scale Site Options			
Ab Kettleby site options			
MBC/001/15: Land off A606	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (ABK1)	The site sits adjoining the village, however its location to the east of the A606 means it is still disjointed from the core village and as such should not be seen as most preferable. The impacts on this are lessened if the site is tied further to the west, as it would be less of an intrusion into the open countryside beyond a fairly linear pattern of development, this will have some effect on the numbers of dwellings to be delivered. The site looks deliverable and impacts on character may be outweighed by the delivery of much needed market and affordable location. Close connections to employment and public transport, as well as good road connections means this is a sustainable location for a quantum of development.
MBC/002/13: Land off Main Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site scores well across all criteria, accept access. The site is yet to be looked at by LCC Highways; however it is unlikely that they would deem the access width appropriate for development. There is no evidence therefore to allay these concerns and as such it is assumed that the site is undeliverable and thus unsuitable for development. Should the applicant be able to provide a suitable access solution which satisfies the Highway Authority then the site could potentially be allocated. Recommendation: Do not proceed to allocation.
Asfordby site options			
MBC/104/13: Fields South of Bypass and North of Regency Road, Asfordby	Yes	Yes – Part of allocation (ASF2)	The site is able to deliver a large amount of new housing development. The site is close to main services and facilities in Asfordby and Melton Mowbray with good access to transport choice. Asfordby is well served by services and facilities including primary school, shops and medical services. The site is well related to the settlement and contained within the Asfordby by-pass.
MBC/108/13: Paddocks west of Saxelby Road and north of Loughborough Road, Asfordby	No	Yes – Allocation (ASF3)	The site is close to main services and facilities in Asfordby and Melton Mowbray with good access to transport choice. Asfordby is well served by services and facilities including primary school, shops and medical service. The site well related to the existing built up area of the village, with little visual impact. Mitigation of noise from the bypass to the north required. Site is included in draft Neighbourhood Plan.
MBC/106/13: Land East of Station	Yes	Yes – Part of	The site is close to main services and facilities in Asfordby and Melton Mowbray with

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Lane and South of Klondyke Way, Asfordby		allocation ASF1	good access to transport choice. Asfordby is well served by services and facilities including primary school, shops and medical service. The site has some physical or environmental constraints identified (including bio-diversity & flooding). However, the site is well related to the settlement and unlikely to adversely affect its character.
MBC/001/16: Land to the north of bypass, Asfordby	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Development of the site is considered to be medium to high landscape sensitivity, coupled with the undesirability of development to the north of the A6006 Asfordby bypass which creates a natural edge to the village. Although services and facilities are close by, they are separated by the NSL bypass road which has no formal pedestrian crossings. It is considered likely that residents of this development would be detached from the village and the associated services and facilities.
MBC/040/16: Land Between Station Road and Hoby Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is poorly connected to the village and would depend upon the site to the east of it being developed in accordance with the planning permission 14/00480/OUT to provide some connectivity to the built form of the village. There is a footpath from the site to the rear of the properties to the north east on Klondyke Way which would however provide some limited form of connectivity. The site is fully constrained by buffers for the overhead power lines, an authorised landfill, and to the south the flood zones associated with the river. These constraints rule out all parts of the site for development, in addition to the setting of the Grade II listed building to the north of the site.
MBC/105/13: Field West of Hoby Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is heavily constrained by the overhead power lines buffer, coupled with a historic landfill site on the southern edge. The access to the site has therefore essentially been lost, and the developable area would be separated from the village, leading to what would appear to be sporadic countryside development. It is considered highly unlikely that the site could come forward and be deliverable whilst these constraints exist
MBC/107/13: Open land adjoining Saxelby Road, north of bypass, Asfordby	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Development of the site is considered to be medium to high landscape sensitivity, coupled with the undesirability of development to the north of the A6006 Asfordby bypass which creates a natural edge to the village. Although services and facilities are close by, they are separated by the NSL bypass road which has no formal pedestrian crossings. It is considered likely that residents of this development would be detached from the village and the associated services and facilities.
Asfordby Hill site options			
MBC/149b/14: Land to the east of Welby Road (4ha), Asfordby Hill	No	No	Site is detached from the main body of Asfordby Hill and beyond the defensible boundaries offered by major roads. This is inconsistent with the pattern of development to the detriment of the character of the area.
MBC/113/13: Land off Stanton	Yes	Yes – Allocation	The site is able to contribute to delivery of new housing development. The site is

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Road, Stanton Road, Asfordby Hill		(ASFH2)	close to Melton Mowbray which contains main services and facilities. Asfordby also contains important services and facilities. There are no physical or environmental constraints identified (including heritage / bio-diversity / flooding). The site is connected to Asfordby Hill which is a small satellite settlement and further development here is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the character of the settlement and the countryside.
MBC/073/13: Land to the west of Houghton Close and south of the A6006, Asfordby Hill	Yes	No	The site is not suitable for allocation or reserve due to access and coalescence issues. The access would be direct on to Melton Rd the A6006 and the site would result in the piecemeal infilling of the gap between Asfordby Hill and Asfordby Valley at its western extremity, giving rise to concerns of leading towards coalescence.
MBC/112/13: Land off Houghton Close, Glebe Road, Asfordby Hill	Yes	Yes – Allocation (ASFH1)	The site is able to contribute to delivery of new housing development. The site is close to Melton Mowbray which contains main services and facilities. Asfordby also contains important services and facilities (although Asfordby Hill is detached from the main village). There is good transport choice. There are no physical or environmental constraints identified (including heritage / biodiversity / flooding), although the site contains some best and most versatile land. The site is connected to Asfordby Hill which is a small satellite settlement and further development here is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the character of the settlement and the countryside.
MBC/111/13: West Side, Asfordby Hill	Yes	No	The site is close to Melton Mowbray which contains main services and facilities. Asfordby also contains important services and facilities (although Asfordby Hill is detached from the main village). There is good transport choice although there are bio-diversity / flooding constraints which would need to be addressed. The site is connected to Asfordby Hill which is a small satellite settlement; the scale of the proposed site is modest and is related to the current settlement and unlikely to be of significant detriment to the current pattern of development. However, whilst the visual impact of the proposal would not be considered to be detrimental, and there is good access to the village from the site, there are various unknowns that could impact upon the site. There is potential for noise and disruption from the train line which enters a tunnel close to the site. Furthermore, a large proportion of the site is known to be contaminated from the old iron works which may affect both viability and the amount of houses that could be provided on the site if the contamination cannot be cleared.
MBC/004/15: Land off Crompton Road/Main Street, Asfordby Hill	Yes	No	The site is close to Melton Mowbray which contains main services and facilities. Asfordby also contains important services and facilities (although Asfordby Hill is detached from the main village). There is good transport choice. There are no physical or environmental constraints identified (including heritage / biodiversity /

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			flooding). Asfordby Hill is a small satellite settlement; the scale of the proposed site is modest and reflects the current pattern of development. However, the site has no apparent vehicular access, and whilst is very closely related to the village, would be undevelopable if no access could be achieved. Furthermore, the site has been identified as a Local Green Space and whilst the development of the site would have a negligible visual impact, the loss of the green space would be regrettable.
Bottesford site options			
MBC/057/13: Land at Rectory Farm, Bottesford	Yes	Yes (part) – Allocation BOT4	The site is able to deliver a large amount of new housing development although without on-site infrastructure. The site is close to main services and facilities in Bottesford which is well-served by services and facilities and has good access to transport choice. There are some flooding constraints identified and a very small part of the site is Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land and a very small part landfill. However, the site is well-contained within the defensible boundary of the rail line and is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the character of the settlement.
MBC/012/13: Land East of Belvoir Road, Bottesford	No	No	A large part of the site is the subject of a planning application and will be assessed as part of the determination of the planning application.
MBC/181/15: Land off Normanton Lane, Bottesford	Yes	No	The site is close to main services and facilities in Bottesford which is well-served by services and facilities and has good access to transport choice. There are some environmental constraints including part of the site being best and most versatile agricultural land but is adjacent to another emerging option (MBC/057). Site has no access and unlikely therefore to be delivered.
MBC/011/15: Land off Grantham Road, Bottesford	No	Yes – Part of this site forms part of allocation BOT3	Part of the site is within flood zone 3 and the remaining net capacity (8 units) is too small to be included as an allocation. This does not exclude the potential for a smaller scheme to be pursued through a Neighbourhood Plan or planning application. Good access and links to village. Contaminated land/landfill may require mitigation. However when adjusted to exclude the parts most severely affected by flooding and combined with the adjacent site, 86% of the site lies within Flood Zone 1. Flood mitigation will affect the overall capacity and final layout, but can facilitate a deliverable allocation.
MBC/010/15: Land Adjacent 8 Easthorpe Road, Bottesford	No	No	The site is within a current Area of Separation and could have significant adverse impacts on landscape. There is also potential for adverse impacts on heritage assets.
MBC/076/13: Land Adjacent 17 Easthorpe Road, Bottesford	No	No	The proposed development could potentially have a significant adverse impact on heritage assets and large parts of the site have the potential to flood.
MBC/013/16: Land rear of Daybells	N/A – option	Yes – Part of	Well located to the village and would represent a small infill site with good

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Farm, Grantham Road	identified following Emerging Options consultation.	allocation BOT2	connectivity to the surrounding area. Some concern over access and loss of agricultural land, however, consider it to be a good site for development.
MBC/008/13: Land off Barkestone lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is disconnected from the built form of the village. High grade agricultural land, flood zone 3b and oil pipeline buffer zone make the site unsuitable for allocation.
MBC/009/13: Land west of Castle View Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Parts of the site are in active use providing small scale employment opportunities for the area. The farming land falls within ALC 2. The site lies within the AoS and has potential for flood risk which is recorded as 'low' informed by the SFRA. This edge of settlement location is highly sensitive to residential development and potential to create a harsh urban edge to the historic settlement. The site is located some distance from the services and facilities within Bottesford, including the bus services, although there is good footpath connection to these adjacent to the site. BVM agricultural land should be avoided. It is not considered that the site should be taken forward for large housing allocation.
MBC/142/13: Land Adj. to 18 Grantham Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Part of allocation BOT2	Well located to the village and would represent a small infill site with good connectivity to the surrounding area. Some concern over access and loss of agricultural land, however, consider it to be a good site for development. However, consider it to be a good site for development when combined with the adjacent site to address access issues. Part of the site is in (revised) Flood Zones 2 and 3 (6%) which will affect the final layout and require mitigation but does not affect overall deliverability.
MBC/143/13: Land rear of 47-49 High Street, Bottesford	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Small rear garden – narrow point of access and built up street frontage which is part of CA. Good location for village centre and services but site not suitable for allocation.
MBC/152/15: Land at Bottom of Beacon Hill, Normanton Lane, Bottesford	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options	Yes (part) – Allocation BOT5	Site well located in relation to village facilities, however outside the natural boundary of the village formed by the railway line. Site forms part of open countryside setting of the village. But no major constraint to development, and could be delivered early. Site forms part of open countryside setting of the village and AoS between Bottesford and Normanton, but would be a minor intrusion with

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	consultation.		substantial separation remaining, sufficient to prevent the coalescence of the settlements either visually or when travelling. There are no major constraints to development, and the site could be delivered early.
MBC/156/15: Land off Nottingham Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Very large open field outside village. Poor relationship with existing settlement and little connectivity. Majority of site FZ3b. Other pipeline and gas pipe constraints to southern part of site. Not suitable for allocation
MBC/166/15: Land South of Grantham Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Part of this site forms part of allocation BOT3	Reasonably well related to village, but needs to be developed with neighbouring field. Some flooding constraints to southern part of site, site area reduced to take account of this. Good access and links to village, although some distance from facilities. Contaminated land/landfill may require mitigation. Overall potential allocation site. However when adjusted to exclude the parts most severely affected by flooding and combined with the adjacent site, 86% of the site lies within Flood Zone 1. Flood mitigation will affect the overall capacity and final layout, but can facilitate a deliverable allocation.
Croxton Kerrial site options			
MBC/080/13: Lings View Farm, Middle Street, Croxton Kerrial	Yes	No	Site is well located within existing built form of the village, close to the village core. Site will not require an incursion into the open countryside, though will likely increased the urbanised feel of development within the localised vicinity. Suitable access is likely to be achievable via Top Road however further work is needed to ensure the scheme will be acceptable by the Highways Authority. However, the site lies in an important area of open space critical to the Conservation Area and as such development in this location should be opposed.
MBC/079/13: Land west of Saltby Road & east of Highfields Farm, Croxton Kerrial	Yes	Yes – Allocation (CROX1)	The site is able to deliver a moderate amount of new housing development. The settlement is remote from main services and facilities other than the limited services and facilities available within Croxton Kerrial although there is some access to transport choice with a 6 day bus service operating from the village. There are no physical constraints on the site although the site is on land that is adjacent to a Conservation Area and listed building. The development of the site could extend the built form of the village out into open countryside, but its development could result in the better incorporation of the existing development on the northern edge of the village.
MBC/095/13: Land to the east of Saltby Road and south of A607, Croxton Kerrial	Yes	Yes – Allocation (CROX2)	The settlement is remote from main services and facilities other than the limited services and facilities available within Croxton Kerrial but there is some access to transport choice with a 6 day bus service operating from the village. There are few

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			physical constraints although the site is adjacent to a Conservation Area.
MBC/096/13: Land south of Main Street (A607) and west of The Nook, Croxton Kerrial	No	Yes (part) – Allocation CROX3	Site performs well across the board and appears deliverable. Key issues to address include access and any effect this may have on car parking at the doctor's surgery, wildlife concerns, TPO's and the effect of the oil pipeline buffer. However, on current evidence there are no "showstoppers" and as such deliverability of the site shouldn't be a problem.
MBC/092/13: Farm (Church Farm) to the west of Middle Road, Croxton Kerrial	Yes	No	The site is able to deliver a moderate amount of new housing development. The settlement is remote from main services and facilities other than the limited services and facilities available within Croxton Kerrial although there is some access to transport choice with a 6 day bus service operating from the village. It is recognised that there are some physical constraints as the land is partly on best and most versatile agricultural land and the site is within an area that possesses a very strong character and high quality setting and would require sensitive design.
Easthorpe site options			
MBC/077/13: Land east of Castle View Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	This edge of settlement location is highly sensitive to residential development and potential to create a harsh urban edge to the historic settlement. Potential impact upon designated Heritage Assets affecting the setting. The site is located some distance from the services and facilities within Bottesford, including the bus services. No direct walking access which would be taken from the public highway through the village of Easthorpe. BVM agricultural land should be avoided. It is not considered that the site is suitable housing allocation.
MBC/026/16: South of Vale End House	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site lies to the south of the main centre of Easthorpe and not well related to the built up core and forms the wider setting to Easthorpe and Bottesford as recognised by the AoS assessment. The ridge and furrow field contributes to the setting of the village and may have high Archaeology interest which will need to be assessed. This edge of settlement location is highly sensitive to residential development and potential to create a harsh urban edge to the historic settlement. Site BMV agricultural land. Would require new access along Green Lane which may have an impact on the SM located on Manor Road. The site is located within a reasonable distance from the services and facilities within Bottesford, including the bus and train service and has a good footpath connection to these adjacent to the site. It is not considered that the site should be taken forward for large housing allocation at this present time.
MBC/027/16: Land west of Green Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging	Yes – Allocation (EAST2)	The site is within close proximity to the centre of Bottesford and public transport options. The grass paddock provides a visual break along Manor Road which is sparsely populated and contains mature trees, some subject to TPO's. However the site is not important for views into or out of the village and relates well to the exiting

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	Options consultation.		pattern of development. The site lies within the AoS but due to the relationship with the built form of Easthorpe the site could accommodate small scale of development similar to the neighbouring site (SHLAA MBC/028/16). Flood mitigation will be required which could influence how the site is developed.
MBC/028/16: Land east of Green lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (EAST1)	The site lies within the AoS but due to the relationship with the built form of Easthorpe and its enclosure the site is not considered to undermine the AoS. Outline planning granted 2015 for nine dwellings to the rear of Easthorpe Lodge with widening of Green Lane and improvements to the junction with Manor Road.
Frisby on the Wreake site options			
MBC/191/15: Land off Great Lane, Frisby on the Wreake	Yes	Yes – Allocation (FRIS1)	Frisby has a limited amount of services and facilities but has good access to transport choice into Melton Mowbray. There are few environmental constraints although part of the site is Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land. The site is likely to have some impact on the character of this part of the settlement which is characterised by linear development although this can be minimised by appropriate design in keeping with the character of the surrounding area. Frisby on the Wreake is a rural hub with some 'sustainability' merits where allocations are proposed.
MBC/004/16: Water Lane, Frisby on the Wreake	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes (part) – Allocation FRIS2	Site is attached to existing residential development and is close to village facilities. However because of the site being located to the train line and in defended flood zone 2 appropriate mitigation measures will be required. Only part of site suitable for allocation.
MBC/007/16: Land due south of village	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes (part) – Allocation FRIS3	Site attached to existing residential development and is close to village facilities. Although the access issue will need to be resolved. Also the whole of the site is not suitable for development as it would have significant impact on the character of the village, facilities and the surrounding development.
MBC/036/16a: Rotherby Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Reserve site (FRIS4)	Site is well related to the village, however because of proximity to Listed Buildings appropriate design and mitigation measures will be required.
MBC/036/16b: Rotherby Lane	N/A – option identified	No	Site is slightly detached from the rest of the village, however may be considered for development in the later years of the Plan period in context to the development of

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	following Emerging Options consultation.		other more suitable (higher ranked) sites in the village.
MBC/037/16: Rotherby Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is slightly detached from the rest of the village, however may be considered for development in the later years of the Plan period in context to the development of other more suitable (higher ranked) sites in the village.
Gaddesby site options			
MBC/016/13: Land off Church Lane and Ashby Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes (part) – Allocation GADD2	The scale of the site offers different possibilities in terms of capacity. The net capacity of the site is 162 houses, however a development of 15-30 dwellings is the most reasonable approach. The proximity to the services and facilities and the access off Ashby Road would be quite positive aspects for this site.
MBC/017/13: Land off Pasture Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (GADD3)	The site is located quite far from the main services and facilities on Gaddesby but a bus stop is situated close to the location. The site is slightly detached from the already built up area at the North of the settlement and potential adverse visual impacts can be mitigated. Its access via either of two well-connected roads and the proximity to the bus stop makes this site suitable for allocation for housing.
MBC/193/15: Land at rear of Gaddesby Primary School	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The scale and the flooding issues of the site make it not suitable. However the North-western corner of the site could accommodate approx. 15 units if access matters are resolved, as no clear access point has been identified for this part of the site.
Harby site options			
MBC/016/16: Land at Colston Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes (part) – Allocation HAR4 and HAR5)	The site is a large site and would be large scale in relation to the village impacting on the setting and rural character along Colston Lane and village as a whole. Part of the site adjoining Colston Lane to the east of the workshop linking back into the village would be more appropriate for the development rather than the site as a whole. The rest of the site would be more detrimental to the setting of the village and a greater visual impact.
MBC/020/13: Former Millway Foods,	N/A – option	Yes – Reserve	Site is not well related to the built form of the village but would become connected

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Colston Lane	identified following Emerging Options consultation.	(HAR6)	following the development of adjacent allocated sites. The site could also have an adverse visual impact on the setting of the village, so there would need to be significant improvement to connect the site to the village and landscaping/mitigation to reduce the visual impact of any development, and mitigation of ecological interest in the part adjacent to the canal which has been identified as being rich in bio diversity terms. These can be achieved through policy requirements.
MBC/022/13&MBC/022/15: Land off Nether Street	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is well related to the village but would result in the loss of allotments, green space and would adversely affect the setting and character of this part of the village. The relationship to the adjoining properties would also limit the developable area. Not considered suitable for allocation.
MBC/023/13&MBC/023/15: The Rectory, 1 Boyers Orchard	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is a relatively small site well related to the village being inside the main settlement boundary. The site is currently garden land and a single dwelling and a well-designed scheme would provide some housing within a sustainable settlement. The site is probably not large enough to accommodate 10 dwellings and whilst housing would be supported in this location is probably too small to be considered as a SHLAA site.
MBC/038/16: Land north of Stathern Lane, Harby	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (HAR3)	Site frontage comprises community orchard and local nature reserve. Rear of site paddocks. Although within a Landscape Character zone which is considered sensitive to development the site is not significant visually. It is not constrained apart from the lack of a suitable point of access - if this can be resolved site would be a good site for allocation.
MBC/155/15: Res Tractors, Willow Farm House, Waltham Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is not well related to the built form of the village and is extremely detached. The site would also have an adverse visual impact on the rural character of the area. Disconnected from the village it is not considered to be a suitable site for allocation.
Hose site options			
MBC/008/16: Land off Canal Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (HOS2)	Site is well related to the built form of the village and is well connected with public footpaths and bridleways.

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MBC/024/13: Land to the rear of Ferndale, 41 Bolton Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (HOS3)	Site is well related to the built form of the village and is well connected with public footpaths and bridleways. Subject to access and suitability of the highway would be a suitable site for allocation.
MBC/125/14: Electro Motion UK, Colston Basset Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is not well related to the built form of the village but is connected with public footpaths and bridleways and wouldn't have an adverse visual impact. Concern over the suitability of the highway network and character of the rural road to which it would access. Disconnected from the village it is not considered to be a suitable site for allocation.
MBC/163/15: Land opposite 11 Harby lane, Hose	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is not well related to the built form of the village but is well related to the village hall. The site would also have an adverse visual impact on the setting of the village. Disconnected from the village it is not considered to be a suitable site for allocation.
Kirby Bellars site options			
MBC/005/16: Field South of A607	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Overall development on site will have significant impact on the existing character of Kirby Bellars. However part of site can be considered suitable for development with access issues resolved. Of concern is the access to schools. The Frisby Primary School is at/over capacity and whilst Asfordby has room for more pupils, this does not take into consideration developments already allowed in the village.
MBC/025/13: Land at Main Street	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Whilst the site has good vehicular and pedestrian access, the visual impact of development of the west of the site could have a detrimental impact upon the open countryside. The existing village has a very strong linear form which should not be broken as this would be detrimental to both the village form and the character and appearance of the open countryside. Subject to careful design and siting the development could have a positive impact upon the village. Of concern is the access to schools. The Frisby Primary School is at/over capacity and whilst Asfordby has room for more pupils, this does not take into consideration developments already allowed in the village.
Long Clawson site options			
MBC/026/15: Field south of Coronation Avenue, West of Melton	Yes	Yes (part) – Allocation	The site is able to deliver a large amount of new housing development. The site is close to some main services and facilities in Long Clawson which is well-served in

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Road, Long Clawson		LONG1	terms of employment, retail, education and health services and has good access to transport choice. There are no identified insurmountable environmental constraints although a small part of the site contains a SSSI. The site is likely to have some impact on the character of this part of the settlement which is characterised by linear development fronting Melton Road, although the site would be contained by development to the north on Coronation Avenue and therefore has potential to be developed without significantly undermining the character of the settlement.
MBC/168/15: Land off Sandpit Lane, Long Clawson	Yes	Yes – Allocation (LONG4)	The site is able to deliver a large amount of new housing development without new on-site infrastructure. The site is close to some main services and facilities in Long Clawson which is well-served in terms of employment, retail, education and health services and has good access to transport choice. There are some environmental constraints - the site is adjacent to a SSSI and the Long Clawson Conservation Area. The site is likely to have some impact on the character of this part of the settlement which is mostly characterised by linear development fronting West End although the site would be contained by development to the east on Sand Pit Lane and therefore has potential to be developed without significantly undermining the character of the settlement.
MBC/150/15: Birleys Garage, Waltham Lane, Long Clawson	Yes	Yes – Allocation (LONG3)	The site is able to deliver a modest amount of new housing development without on-site infrastructure. The site is within walking distance of some of the main services and facilities in Long Clawson (which has retail, education and health services). Long Clawson has good transport choice with access to a 6 day bus service. The site is close to the main residential area of the village and is on land which is partly occupied by agricultural buildings. The proposal broadly reflects the existing pattern of development but is likely to have some impact on the character of this part of the settlement by extending development along Waltham Lane which has a 'rural' feel. Any development would require sensitive design.
MBC/169/15: Canal Farm, Long Clawson	Yes	Yes – Reserve (LONG5)	The site is able to deliver a modest amount of new housing development without on-site infrastructure. The site is within walking distance of some of the main services and facilities in Long Clawson (which has retail, education and health services). Long Clawson has good transport choice with access to a 6 day bus service. The site is close to the main residential area of the village and is on land which is partly occupied by agricultural buildings. There are some environmental constraints including potential impacts on bio-diversity and proximity to the nearby Long Clawson Conservation Area. The proposal broadly reflects the existing pattern of development but requires sensitive design in order to limit adverse impacts on the character of this part of the settlement by extending development along Hose Lane which has a 'rural' feel and is defined by strong hedge lined lanes.
MBC/144/15: Corner of Broughton	Yes	No	The site is an edge of village in prominent location, close to employment

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Lane and Hickling Lane, Long Clawson			opportunities and local facilities. No significant technical objections. Impact upon landscape will require sensitive treatment. Sufficient alternative sites in Long Clawson performed better upon assessment and have satisfied the allocations requirement.
MBC/028/13: Land off Back Lane, Long Clawson	Yes	Yes – Allocation (LONG2)	The site is able to deliver a modest amount of new housing development without on-site infrastructure. The site is within walking distance of some of the main services and facilities in Long Clawson (which has retail, education and health services). The site is close to a main employment area at Long Clawson dairy. Long Clawson has good transport choice with access to a 6 day bus service. The site is close to the main residential area of the village. There are some environmental constraints that would need to be addressed including potential impacts on bio-diversity and proximity to the Long Clawson Conservation Area. The proposal broadly reflects the existing pattern of development but is likely to have some impact on the character of this part of the settlement although the recently constructed Village Hall provides some containment of the site; therefore it requires sensitive design in order to limit adverse impacts on the character of this part of the settlement.
MBC/027/15: Land north of East End, (Brunts Farm, The Pinale), Long Clawson	Yes	No	The site is only able to deliver a small amount of new housing development without new on-site infrastructure. The site is close to some main services and facilities in Long Clawson which is well-served in terms of employment, retail, education and health services and has good access to transport choice. There are no identified insurmountable environmental constraints. The site is not highly prominent when viewed from main roads within Long Clawson, although it can be seen from other public areas. Development is likely to have some impact on the character of this part of the settlement and would require sensitive development to prevent any adverse impacts on the character of the settlement.
MBC/178/15a: Site entrance road, Hickling Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Poorly related to existing built-up area of village. Development would seriously compromise the integrity of major local employment site.
MBC/178/15b: Site entrance road, Hickling Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Poorly related to existing built-up area of village. Development would seriously compromise the integrity of major local employment site.
Melton Mowbray site options			

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MBC/153/15: Land at Snow Hill (Jeld Wen)	No	Yes – Reserve site (MEL13)	The site is well contained within the built form with good connections to services, facilities and employment & good transport choice. The site is currently occupied by a large scale operational employment site. The principle of development would be acceptable subject to replacement employment land to meet identified employment needs and a well-designed masterplan. These requirements can be achieved through policy obligations associated with the allocation.
MBC/006/16: Land North of Kirby Lane, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (MEL6)	The site is adjacent to the main town of Melton Mowbray. No implications are envisaged on the Area of Separation. There are good connections to services and facilities and employment and good transport choice to Melton Mowbray town centre including walking, cycling and public transport. The site will be well contained within the built form once the Sustainable Neighbourhood has been completed.
MBC/029/13: Ambulance Station, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is adjacent to the main town of Melton Mowbray. Where the principle of residential development is acceptable. The site has planning permission for a retail store; it is therefore unlikely that it would be deliverable for residential development.
MBC/030/13: Hilltop Farm, Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes (part) – Allocation (MEL4)	Site is well connected to the town and parts of the site have potential to relate well to the existing built sitting to the southeast. Much of the site is not developable due to the presence of a Scheduled Monument. Oil and gas pipelines cross the site. The part of the site that is suitable is already subject to planning permission for a combined amount of 50 dwellings.
MBC/031/13: Land adjacent to St Bartholomew's Way and Horseguards Way	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (MEL5)	Site is well connected to the town and relates well to the existing built form and envelopes the primary school. It would have limited impact upon the Area of Separation (Asfordby Hill/Melton as it provides a logical infilling between Horseguards Way estate and Canterbury Drive development to the east.
MBC/032/13: Site of King Edward VII school	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (MEL2)	The site is well connected to the main town of Melton Mowbray. The site would allow good connections to services and facilities and employment and offers a good transport choice including walking and cycling. The site would provide beneficial use of brownfield land without detriment to important environmental matters. The positive impacts of developing the site must be balanced against the need to replace on site school facilities in an appropriate location. Site benefits for a resolution to grant permission for 120 (13/00877/OUT).

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MBC/037/13: Silverdale, Scalford Road, Melton	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (MEL7)	The site presents an opportunity for infill development within the built up residential area to the north of the town centre. The site performs well against sustainable development principles and gives ease of access to the services and employment available in the town centre via walking, cycling and public transport. Site has received permission in the past (08/00249/OUT).
MBC/039/13: Land at Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is adjacent to the main town of Melton Mowbray. There are good connections to services and facilities and employment and good transport choice to Melton Mowbray town centre including walking and cycling. The site is outside of the strong defensible boundary formed by the A607. However, the site is adversely affected by flood zones 3a and 3b. The net developable area would not result in a viable development. In addition, there is no direct link to the A607 and the site may not be deliverable independently. Not a reasonable option or suitable site for site allocation.
MBC/124/13: 36 - 44 Thorpe End, Melton	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is well connected to the main town of Melton Mowbray. The site would allow good connections to services and facilities and employment and offers a good transport choice including walking and cycling. The site would be a useful contribution as a commitment but too small to be an allocation in the emerging Local Plan.
MBC/132/13: Land fronting Dieppe Way, Scalford Road, Melton	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (MEL8)	The site presents an opportunity for infill development within the built up residential area. Potential to secure a suitable access from either Tennyson Way or Dieppe Way subject to traffic calming measures. The site performs well against sustainable development principles and gives ease of access to the services and employment available in the town centre via walking, cycling and public transport. Land ownership issues have caused the site to stall and claims of viability were put forward in 2012 but have not been subject to assessment.
MBC/133/13&MBC/133/14: Land at Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (MEL3)	The site is adjacent to the main town of Melton Mowbray. There are good connections to services and facilities and employment and good transport choice to Melton Mowbray town centre including walking and cycling. The site is well contained within the built form. Retention of buildings is important and main constrain capacity.
MBC/135/13: Beeby's Yard, Burton Street, Melton	N/A – option identified	Yes – Allocation (MEL10)	The site is within the main town of Melton Mowbray. There are good connections to services and facilities and employment and good transport choice to Melton Mowbray

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	following Emerging Options consultation.		<p>town centre including walking and cycling. The site is well contained within the built form.</p> <p>The principle of residential development has been considered through planning application 06/00377/OUT. Conditional Planning Permission was granted subject to completion of a legal agreement.</p> <p>The site could be suitable as a potential site allocation subject to concerns over noise and disturbance over the adjacent employment uses being overcome.</p>
MBC/136/13: Wycliffe House, Snow Hill, Melton	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (MEL11)	<p>The site is adjacent to the main town of Melton Mowbray. There are good connections to services and facilities and employment and good transport choice to Melton Mowbray town centre including walking and cycling. The site is well contained within the built form.</p> <p>The principle of residential development has been previously tested through planning applications which were refused. Any development would require very sensitive design to overcome concerns about impact on the character of the area.</p> <p>Previous refusal based on access and landscape reasons. Only acceptable if access issues can be resolved and a high quality design promoted that protects important site features.</p>
MBC/138/13: Land to the rear of 74 and 88 Dalby Road (Swale Close), Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (MEL12)	<p>The site is adjacent to the main town of Melton Mowbray. There are good connections to services and facilities and employment and good transport choice to Melton Mowbray town centre including walking and cycling. The site is well contained within the built form.</p> <p>The principle of residential development has been considered through planning application 08/00969/FUL and appeal APP/Y2430/A/09/2110525. No adverse impact on the character of the area was identified; the application and subsequent appeal were refused on unsatisfactory access grounds. An access solution would need to be identified.</p>
MBC/139/13: Melton Building Supplies, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging	Yes – Allocation (MEL9)	<p>The site is within the main town of Melton Mowbray. There are good connections to services and facilities and employment and good transport choice to Melton Mowbray town centre including walking and cycling. The site is well contained within the built form.</p>

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	Options consultation.		The principle of residential development has been considered through planning application 06/00377/OUT. Conditional Planning Permission was granted subject to completion of a legal agreement.
MBC/158/15: Land off Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is remote from the main town of Melton Mowbray. Whilst it abuts the proposed southern section of the Melton relief road, it is beyond the defensible boundary of notional alignment of this road. The site is not well contained within the built form. There are reasonable connections to services and facilities and employment and transport choice to Melton Mowbray town centre including walking, cycling and bus service. The site has some environmental constraints in that it almost wholly Best and Most Versatile agricultural land. The site is not a reasonable option to be considered as a suitable site allocation.
MBC/170/15: Cowman's Yard, Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is too far removed from the built up areas of the town and detached and would create an isolated community. There are limited connection routes to support travel other than by private car to access everyday services, education and employment due to the distances and geometrical design of the local highway network. The high pressure gas and oil pipelines are in the vicinity; if not on, the site itself reducing the amount of land available. The site would be too small for meaningful contribution to housing supply.
MBC/179/15: Land adjacent to Melton Spinney Road, Thorpe Arnold	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Development in this location would impinge on the AoS and have potential harmful impacts upon the settlements identity. The Landscape Study places the site in medium/high sensitivity and recommends that the area remains undeveloped and the separation retained. It is not considered that the site is suitable for promotion of housing.
MBC/186/15: Pera Business Park, Nottingham Road, Melton	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site forms part of the curtilage of Pera Innovation Park and is not in any formal use other than amenity land. There is no access to the public and is enclosed by railings. All the trees on site are Protected by Tree Preservation Orders due to the amenity value they offer to members of the public. Redevelopment of this site would result in loss to trees and an open area which provides a visual break along the A606. A lower density, low rise scheme incorporating the mature trees within the scheme may be achievable but may impact upon the viability of such proposal. The site sits within the historic landfill buffer and remediation works may be required.

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			Potential to meet office based employment need adjacent town centre.
Old Dalby site options			
MBC/009/16: North Lodge Farm, Old Dalby	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (OLD1)	Site has very limited suitability for allocation for housing due to perpendicular relationship with the existing settlement and overall scale. Then allocation is limited to the frontage to (approx 1/3 of the site) and planning permission has been granted for this area
MBC/018/16: Noth Lodge Farm Buildings	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site has very limited suitability for allocation for housing due to perpendicular relationship with the existing settlement. It would perhaps be practical for the frontage to be developed and a section currently occupied , approx. 8 units
MBC/171/15: Debdale Hill Field, Old Dalby	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes (part) – Reserve site OLD3	Site is well located in a settlement within limited range of services. Site suitable for allocation for housing. The western end of the site would protrude beyond the built form of Old Dalby into open countryside and as such should be excluded. The site allocation excludes the western extremity.
MBC/172/15: South Wood Hill field, Old Dalby	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site has very limited suitability for allocation for housing due to perpendicular relationship with the existing settlement and contributions as a key element of the CA and its setting. Also the scale is excessive in relation to existing settlement – at most allocation should be limited to part of the site, but the logical part (adjacent to the existing village) is the most sensitive to the Conservation Area.
MBC/182/15: Main Rd Old Dalby	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is adjacent to a settlement with a limited range of services. Site has limited suitability for allocation for housing due its scale – its totality is excessive in relation to existing settlement. Suggest limited development with limited depth, adjacent to the existing built form, would form logical extension of the existing settlement (westernmost part (approx. ¼)). However site falls within recommended separation area in its entirety which would be undermined by any significant scale of development.
MBC/046/13: Station Lane, Old Dalby	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options	Yes – Allocation OLD2	Site with planning permission 14/00954/OUT

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	consultation.		
Somerby site options			
MBC/048/13: Land off Burrough Road	Yes	Yes – Reserve site (SOM3)	Medium sized development site, located on the north-western edge of the village. Some relationship to the settlement, but would extend the built form in a linear development pattern. Adjoining conversation area and Agricultural land grade 3A so needs careful consideration. The site adjoins the settlement and sensitive design could help to deliver a scheme that protects the character of the area.
MBC/146/14: Football field, Oakham Road	Yes	Yes – Allocation (SOM1)	Medium development site located on the south-eastern edge of the settlement would represent squaring off of the current developed form and could be utilised to improve the developed edge of this end of the settlement, potential for gateway gains. However developing the site would result in the loss of a recreation space, although replacement provision could be accommodated within the wider development of the site.
MBC/023/16: Land off High Street	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (SOM2)	The potential number of units for this site is quite high for Somerby, but taking into account that part of the site would need to incorporate and enhance the loss of the existing Recreational Area (access point), the net capacity can be reduced to approximately 35 units. The site is adjacent to the Primary School being this a good opportunity to extend it and increase its capacity.
MBC/024/16: Land off Manor Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The size of the settlement makes it quite sensitive to the number of units that can be allocated. The scale and location of the site makes it not currently suitable for development.
MBC/035/16: Somerby Equestrian Centre, Newbold Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The location of the site (detached from the rest of the village) and the different nature of the proposed development (mixture of employment and residential) could adversely impact in the character of the village.
Stathern site options			
MBC/012/16: Pasture Lane/Mill Hill	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (STAT1)	Well located and visually contained site close to centre of village. No constraints or issues requiring mitigation. Suitable site for allocation.

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MBC/025/16: Pasture Lane/Mill Hill	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site disconnected from village and would intrude into the open countryside. Is less well connected to the village than other locations and requires provision of footway. Not suitable for allocation.
MBC/030/16: Mill Hill	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site lies on rising ground going out of the village. Access is from single carriage way road from and awkward junction in centre of village. No biodiversity flood risk or BVM land constraints and may present an opportunity to enhance the conservation area by removal of agricultural buildings. However much of site will have significant visual impact on local topography. Small scale redevelopment of agricultural buildings only considered suitable – but not large enough.
MBC/031/16: Blacksmith End	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site poorly related to existing pattern of development as disconnected. Open fields forming part of the setting of the village. Poor access would require upgrading. Close to village facilities and public transport links and lower grade agricultural land Might be suitable if adjacent land available to connect to village.
MBC/041/16: Land adjacent to Laveslesy House, 14 City Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (STAT2)	Small infill site on the edge of the village well contained by existing trees and hedges to the boundary. Development should be low density and provide a soft, attractive edge to the village to protect its setting in this location.
MBC/195/15: Land between Harby Lane, Penn Lane and Long Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Very large open fields which form setting to the village. Whilst no known constraints site is considered unsuitable because of its visual impact on the landscape and setting of the village.
MBC/141/13	No	No	The site is not well related to the settlement of Stathern and could have potentially adverse impacts on landscape and bio-diversity. Note that this site has been removed from the SA since the Emerging Options stage as it is no longer considered to be a reasonable alternative option because it has since been developed.
Thorpe Arnold site options			
MBC/010/16: Land to the North	N/A – option	Yes – Reserve	This edge of settlement location is located in a higher topography overlooking the

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West of Thorpe Road, (A607)	identified following Emerging Options consultation.	site (THOR2)	small valley and water course below. Whilst not functioning as an Area of Separation the location is still sensitive to development due to its expansive views. Large scale development would erode the character of the village settlement but may be able to accommodate small scale of development to the front of the site in the first field. The trees in the field and around the hedgerows would assist with assimilating development into the landscape and would be an important contribution. The A607 class I road would present some difficulties with access issues by foot and the installation of footways would be required to encourage walking into the village/town. Due to the geometry of the road it would be necessary for residents/visitors to cross the A607 to gain a safer route to the town. Provisions of the footway may need the consent from other land owners. Situation may change in the future with the siting of the eastern bypass.
MBC/011/16: Land to the South East of Thorpe Road, (A607)	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (THOR1)	This edge of settlement location is located in a higher topography. Subject to scale and massing the site would be well related to the village extending the northeast boundary. The site would be suitable to accommodate small scale of development providing the footway is extended to give the connectivity to the village and the town of Melton to the southwest. The trees and boundary hedgerows would assist with assimilating development into the landscape and would be an important contribution.
MBC/066/13: Land at Lag Lane, Thorpe Arnold	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is removed from the village separated by a parcel of land and would not relate well to the built up area of the village. It would provide a detached group of housing with no physical connection. Access issues from adopted highway, Lag Lane not suitable for vehicles due to its geometry and width. At present it is not considered that the site is suitable for promotion of housing. The position may change in the future once the eastern bypass proposals have been confirmed.
MBC/154/15a: Thorpe Arnold outskirts of Melton (land east of Melton Spinney Road)	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Large scale development in this location would create a coalescence of the two settlements losing their individual identity. The Landscape Study places the site in high sensitivity and recommends that the area remains undeveloped and the separation retained. The site has limited roadside frontage and large swaths of the site are sceptical to flood risk. Site Access issues. It is not considered that the site is suitable for promotion of housing.
MBC/154/15b: Thorpe Arnold, outskirts of Melton Mowbray (Land to the South of A607)	N/A – option identified following Emerging	No	Large scale development in this location would create a coalescence of the two settlements losing their individual identity. The Landscape Study places the site in medium to high sensitivity in landscape LCZ 2 and recommends that the area remains undeveloped and the separation retained. The site provides open views

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	Options consultation.		outwards towards Melton and lies outside of the main village centre. It is not considered that the site is suitable for promotion of housing.
MBC/154/15c: Thorpe Arnold, outskirts of Melton Mowbray (Land to the South East of Thorpe Road, (A607)	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Large scale development in this location would create a harsh urban edge away from the built up form of the settlement. Development of the whole site would be out of scale with the small village settlement. Parts of the site are to be discounted to take into account flood issues around the ordinary water course and the PRow will need to be addressed. At present it is not considered that the site is suitable for promotion of housing. The position may change in the future once the eastern bypass proposals have been confirmed.
MBC/173/15: Avahan, Waltham Road, Thorpe Arnold, Melton Mowbray	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site sits in an elevated position and well contained with limited opportunities to be viewed from public vantage points. It may be capable of some development but at a much lower density per hectare making it not suitable for inclusion in the SHLAA. Difficult access issues to resolve.
MBC/174/15: The Holding, Waltham Road, Thorpe Arnold	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is well contained within mature hedgerows and does not extend beyond the boundary of the commercial store to the east thus providing an opportunity for a small scale infill development. Whilst within the Area of Separation it would not undermine the function to retain the separation between the two settlements provided of appropriate scale (not all of the site). Access considerations onto the A607.
Waltham on the Wolds site options			
MBC/164/15: Land East of Melton Road, Waltham on the Wolds	Yes	Yes – Allocation (part forms part of WAL2)	Offers an opportunity for medium scale development. Site is located on main route of village and in keeping with settlement character.
MBC/055/13: Land adjacent of Bescaby Lane, Waltham on the Wolds	Yes	No	Offers an opportunity for medium scale development, but part of the site is detached and separate from the village and its facilities. Some concern regarding access. However, part of the site (adjacent to the settlement) could be well contained and relate to the character of the village. However parts are exposed, and link poorly to the fabric of the village due to intervening development requiring a protracted route. The site has some environmental constraints especially landscape impact. Performed less favourably under assessment in comparison to other sites and as such not required to satisfy allocation requirements.
MBC/192/15: Land at Manor Farm, rear of High Street, Waltham on the Wolds	Yes	Yes – Reserve site (WAL3)	Offers opportunity for large scale development but is potentially out of scale with the current village. However, it is located adjacent to an existing Primary service centre. Development would need to be sensitively designed so as not to result in harm in surrounding open countryside.

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MBC/054/13: Land at 48 High Street, Waltham on the Wolds	Yes	Yes – Allocation (WAL1)	Small site - offer could be limited in respect of housing choice or affordable housing provision, but perhaps more in keeping with settlement character although there is some concern regarding relationship to conservation area and historic settlement character and so development would require sensitive design in order to fit with the character of the area.
MBC/140/13: Land east of Melton Rd, WOTW	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (forms part of WAL2)	A planning application has resolved the technical and environmental issues as part of the application 15/01011/OUT but at a lesser scale than the whole site (approx. 1/3 of this site). The site performs well in the SA criteria.
MBC/019/16: Land to the North of Goadby Road	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is exposed to views of the village and would have an adverse landscape impact and setting of part of the Conservation Area. May suit smaller scale development that can respect village character, i.e. smaller scale linear development respecting the form elsewhere on Grantham/Melton Rd and 018/13Goadby Rd.
MBC/020/16: Land west of Mere Rd, WOTW	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is greenfield and edge of village in 'medium' LCZ. Site quite prominent from views from the north but would be read against backdrop of existing village and edge formed by rear of Mere Rd properties. Good potential access.
MBC/053/13: Land rear of 19 High St, Waltham on the Wolds	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is within built form of village but not LGS allocation. Site requires access solution. Performed less favourably under assessment in comparison to other sites and as such not required to satisfy allocation requirements.
Wymondham site options			
MBC/070/13: Land known as Brickyard Lane, Wymondham	Yes	Yes (part) – Allocation WYM3	This site would represent a medium sized development site, opposite the current village and its existing built form. The development of part of the site would extend development beyond a defensible boundary and into the open countryside extending the 'built form' beyond current boundaries which could have a negative impact on the surrounding area. However, part of the site is adjacent the existing settlement.
MBC/056/13: Glebe Road, Wymondham	Yes	Yes – Allocation WYM1 (with boundary)	The site represents a large scale development site that adjoins the settlement edge. Its development would extend the current built form into the open countryside leading to possible negative impacts upon the rural character of the settlement;

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		changes)	however a smaller portion of the site could be developed where the impacts could be managed / mitigated.
MBC/068/13: Land known as Gills Field, Rookery Lane, Wymondham	No	No	The site could potentially have significant adverse impacts on landscape character. This is reinforced by the findings of the Melton Landscape character assessment.
MBC/018/13: Land off Butt Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (part of WYM2)	Site viewed in isolation is too small for allocation, 9 possible according to MBC calculations, 8 according to the WNDP. However, when viewed with adjoining MBC/072/13 then a logical allocation can be drawn up. This is likely to reflect the aims of WNDP. Any allocation should include this site and the eastern third of MBC/072/13. This will allow an allocation of up to 20.
MBC/072/13: The Station Yard	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	Yes – Allocation (part forms part of WYM2)	Site viewed in isolation is disconnected from the Settlement of Wymondham, and as thus would be unsuitable. However, there is potentially to assess the site with MBC/018/13 and when viewed win this way it can be better viewed as related to Wymondham. Site would better relate to existing built linear built form if only eastern third was developed in association with MBC.018/13. This could limit the capacity of this site to circa 12.
MBC/067/13: Land know as Gills Fields	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is entirely disconnected from the village, would be an unnatural encroachment into the countryside. Delivery of a large quantum of housing a plus, but inappropriate in this location. Suitable access is unlikely to be achievable, and its location would encourage unsustainable modes of transport.
MBC/069/13: Land known as The Adcocks	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	Site is entirely disconnected from the village, would be an unwanted, unnatural encroachment into the countryside. Delivery of a large quantum of housing a plus, but inappropriate in this location. Nearly 1/2 km from the village proper and 750m to the centre of the village. Moreover uncertainty regarding contaminated land means questions regarding sites deliverability.
MBC/071/13: Land known as Brickyard Lane	N/A – option identified following Emerging Options consultation.	No	The site is entirely disconnected from the village, beyond a defensible boundary. To make the site appropriate there would have to be a level of development and access improvements unlikely to occur during the plan period. Site has access and contamination issues which may not be solvable within the land owner's control.

Appendix 9

Supplementary SA matrices for the Policy Options

Spatial strategy options

Q6: What level of Growth (homes and jobs) should Melton Borough provide for?

Option 1: Demographic based (195 dwellings per annum) - Solely meets the household projections without taking into account other factors identified in the NPPG with a proportionate increase in jobs.

Option 2: Mid-range (220 dwellings per annum) - Goes some way towards considering other factors but would not fully address all factors with a proportionate increase in jobs.

Option 3: Supporting economic growth (245 dwellings per annum) - Makes the full upward adjustment identified in the SHMA addressing the necessary factors to meet the full housing need of the Borough with a proportionate increase in jobs.

SA Objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	++?	++	<p>All three options would involve providing enough homes to meet the objectively assessed housing need for Melton Borough, which was identified in the 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)¹⁴⁸ as being between 195-245 homes per year. Therefore, at least a minor positive effect is likely for all three options. It is assumed that the housing to be provided would include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing and housing that is suitable for older people.</p> <p>Option 1: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be at the lower level of the range set out in the SHMA, meeting the projected need through natural growth only. Therefore, a minor rather than significant positive effect is identified over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be around the middle of the range set out in the SHMA, meeting the projected need through natural growth and going some way towards considering other factors. Therefore, a potential significant positive effect is identified over the medium and long-term, although this is uncertain depending on how the level of housing provision eventually compares with the level of demand resulting from economic growth.</p> <p>Option 3: The level of housing growth resulting from this option would be at the upper end of the range set out in the SHMA, meeting the projected need through natural growth as well as addressing the necessary factors to meet the full housing need of the Borough. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified. This would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p>
2. To develop a strong	-	+	++	Option 1: The level of housing growth proposed under this option is not high enough to support

¹⁴⁸ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment: Leicester and Leicestershire Local Planning Authorities.

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<p>culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>				<p>enhanced economic growth in the Borough, only to meet the need created through natural growth. Therefore, this approach could have a minor negative effect on the creation of high knowledge jobs in Melton as it may hinder economic growth and the resulting job creation in all sectors. This effect is more likely to be experienced over the medium and longer- term, while effects in the short term would be negligible.</p> <p>Option 2: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is around the middle of the range for Melton’s objectively assessed housing need, with a proportionate increase in jobs. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is high enough to meet the projected need through natural growth and would also go some way towards additional growth. Therefore, this approach could have a minor positive effect on the creation of high knowledge jobs in Melton as it may encourage economic growth and the resulting job creation in all sectors. This effect is more likely to be experienced over the medium and longer- term, while effects in the short term would be negligible.</p> <p>Option 3: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is at the higher end of the range for the objectively assessed housing need, with a proportionate increase in jobs. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is high enough to support economic growth in the Borough, as well as meeting the need created through natural growth. Therefore, this approach could have a positive effect on the creation of high knowledge jobs in Melton as it may stimulate economic growth and the resulting job creation in all sectors. This effect is likely to be significant over the medium and longer- term and minor positive in the short term.</p> <p>None of the options are expected to have a direct effect on access to educational facilities – while higher levels of housing growth may increase pressure on infrastructure (including schools) as a result of population growth, it is assumed that such infrastructure would be provided at an appropriate level to support housing development under all of the options. Effects on access to education will also depend on the location of sites that are allocated for housing development, which have been appraised separately in relation to their proximity to schools and colleges.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport,</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>+?</p>	<p>+?</p>	<p>The effects of the options for growth on sustainable transport use will depend on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. how well connected they are to the public transport network), which have been appraised separately. The extent to which people are able to make sustainable transport choices day to day will also depend on the relative proximity of the homes and jobs that are provided through the Local Plan, which is also appraised separately.</p> <p>Option 1: Taking forward a lower housing figure compared to Options 2 and 3 could mean that there is less of an increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although this will depend on the distribution of housing throughout the Borough. Even under this lower growth</p>

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<p>walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>				<p>option, there is still a significant amount of additional housing and jobs proposed over the plan period which could help to support public transport services, but it is considered that the likely effects of this option on sustainable transport would be negligible over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: Taking forward a higher housing figure than the minimum required for the Borough could mean that there are some benefits in terms of increasing in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although such effects will not be as likely as under Option 3 and will depend on the distribution of housing throughout the Borough. The likely effects of this option on sustainable transport are potentially minor positive overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: Taking forward a higher housing figure compared to Options 1 and 2 could mean that there is more of an increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although this is uncertain as it will depend to some extent on the distribution of housing throughout the Borough. The likely effects of this option on sustainable transport are potentially minor positive overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	--	+	++	<p>Option 1: The level of housing growth proposed under this option is not high enough to support economic growth in the Borough, only to meet the need created through natural growth. This approach could therefore have a negative effect on improving the range of businesses and the number and quality of available jobs in the Borough, and supporting economic growth. It may also mean that opportunities to reduce levels of out-commuting from the Borough are lost. Taking forward this option, which only provides for housing to meet the need arising from natural population growth, could also mean that the proportion of older people in the Borough continues to increase by the end of the plan period. This will mean that a higher percentage of the Borough's population will be over the age of 65 and no longer working, and may therefore contribute less to the local economy. A likely negative effect is therefore identified for this option, being minor over the short and medium term and increasing to significant negative in the long-term.</p> <p>Option 2: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton which is higher than the minimum required for the Borough, with a proportional increase in jobs. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is high enough to meet the projected need through natural growth and also go some way towards meeting additional growth. This approach could therefore have a positive effect on improving the range of businesses and the number and quality of available jobs in the Borough, and supporting economic growth. It may also mean that some progress can be made towards reducing levels of out-commuting. A likely minor positive effect is likely for this option over the short, medium term, and long-term.</p>

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				<p>Option 3: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is at the higher end of the objectively assessed housing need, with a proportional increase in jobs. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is high enough to support economic growth in the Borough, as well as meeting the need created through natural growth. This approach could therefore have a significant positive effect on improving the range of businesses and the number and quality of available jobs in the Borough, and supporting economic growth. It is particularly likely to mean that levels of out-commuting from the Borough can be reduced. A likely significant positive effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The effects of the options on the landscape in and around Melton Borough will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within or near to areas of high landscape sensitivity), which have been appraised separately.</p> <p>Option 1: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the options could result in impacts on the landscape, taking forward a lower level of growth under this option may mean that development is less likely to impact on the landscape as it may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. However, much of Melton Borough is of moderate or high landscape sensitivity, including around Melton Mowbray. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development. It is also recognised that high quality new development may have a positive effect and contribute to enhancing the quality of the landscape, although this will depend on its design and cannot be assumed.</p> <p>Option 2: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the options could result in impacts on the landscape, taking forward a higher level of growth under this option than the minimum that is required may mean that development is more likely to impact on the landscape in comparison to Option 1, as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity, although negative effects may be less likely to occur than under Option 3 where the level of growth would be even higher. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development. It is also recognised that high quality new development may have a positive effect and contribute to enhancing the quality of the landscape, although this will depend on design and cannot be assumed.</p> <p>Option 3: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period</p>

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				<p>under all of the options could result in impacts on the landscape, taking forward a higher level of growth under this option may mean that development is particularly likely to impact on the landscape as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development. It is also recognised that high quality new development may have a positive effect and contribute to enhancing the quality of the landscape, although this will depend on design and cannot be assumed.</p>
<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The effects of the options on biodiversity and geodiversity will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within close proximity of designated biodiversity sites where habitats and species may be disturbed), which have been appraised separately.</p> <p>Option 1: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the three options for growth could result in impacts on sensitive habitats and species, taking forward a lower level of growth under this option compared to Option 3 may mean that development is less likely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity. It may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species – although there are no European designated biodiversity sites in the Borough there are a number of SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites which are distributed across the whole of the Borough although there is a particularly high concentration in the north. The Local Plan is also being subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) throughout its preparation which should help to ensure that potential impacts on European sites outside of the Borough from the development of 195 homes per year and a proportional increase in jobs are identified and mitigated, if this option is taken forward. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features, as well as its design. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into housing developments, for example through green infrastructure provision, but again this cannot be assumed at this point.</p> <p>Option 2: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the three options for growth could result in impacts on sensitive habitats and species, taking forward a higher level of growth under this option than the minimum required may mean that development is more likely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity as it may be more difficult to ensure that development is steered to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species such as the Local Wildlife Sites and SSSIs that are distributed fairly</p>

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				<p>evenly throughout the Borough. The Local Plan is also being subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) throughout its preparation which should help to ensure that impacts on European sites from the development of 220 homes per year and a proportional increase in jobs are identified and mitigated, if this option is taken forward. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features, as well as its design. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into housing developments, for example through green infrastructure provision, but again this cannot be assumed at this stage.</p> <p>Option 3: While the large-scale development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all of the three options for growth could result in impacts on sensitive habitats and species, taking forward a higher level of growth under this option may mean that development is particularly likely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity. It may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species such as the SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites that are distributed fairly evenly throughout the Borough. The Local Plan is also being subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) throughout its preparation which should help to ensure that impacts on European sites from the development of 245 homes per year and a proportional increase in jobs are identified and mitigated, if this option is taken forward.</p> <p>A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features, as well as its design. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into housing developments, for example through green infrastructure provision, but again this cannot be assumed at this point.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	-?	--?	<p>There are over 700 listed buildings distributed fairly evenly throughout the Borough as well as 35 Scheduled Monuments and two Registered Parks and Gardens – Belvoir Castle in the north east and Stapleford Hall in the south east. Development near to these features could therefore have particular effects. The effects of the options on the historic environment will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within close proximity of heritage features), which have been appraised separately. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into developments through appropriate design. In addition, well designed and appropriately located development could result in improvements to the setting of heritage features and opportunities to sympathetically restore derelict or ‘at risk’ features, as well as improvements to the appearance of the wider built form of the Borough.</p>

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				<p>Option 1: While the large-scale housing development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all three of the options for growth could result in impacts on heritage assets, taking forward a lower level of housing growth under this option compared to Options 2 and 3 may mean that development is less likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. It is noted that lower levels of development may also result in slightly lower levels of developer contributions, which could otherwise have been used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p> <p>Option 2: While the large-scale housing development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all three of the options for growth could result in impacts on heritage assets, taking forward a higher level of housing growth under this option than the minimum required may mean that development is more likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be more difficult to ensure that development is steered to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. It is noted that levels of development may also influence levels of developer contributions, which could be used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p> <p>Option 3: While the large-scale housing development proposed for Melton Borough over the plan period under all three of the options for growth could result in impacts on heritage assets, taking forward a higher level of housing growth under this option may mean that development is particularly likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. It is noted that higher levels of development may also result in slightly higher levels of developer contributions, which could be used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p>
8. To use land and	-?	-?	--?	Option 1: This option involves taking forward a lower housing figure than proposed under Options 2

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<p>mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.</p>				<p>and 3, which could minimise the loss of high quality agricultural land to development as it may be easier to steer development away from those areas (Melton Borough contains large areas of Grade 3 agricultural land as well as more limited areas of Grade 2 land which are mainly located in the central areas of the Borough). However, the scale of development means that impacts are still likely. If a lower housing figure is taken forward it may also be easier to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites, and to avoid development in and around Minerals Consultation Areas, which could otherwise result in the sterilisation of minerals resources (there are Minerals Consultation Areas south west and eastern parts of the Borough). The consumption of minerals for construction would also be lower under this option compared to Options 2 and 3. Therefore, there may be minor negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long-term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.</p> <p>Option 2: This option involves taking forward a higher housing figure than proposed under Option 1, i.e. more than the minimum development required, which could mean that good quality agricultural land is more likely to be lost to development (Melton Borough contains large areas of Grade 3 land and some more limited areas of Grade 2 land, mainly in the central areas of the Borough). However, such effects would be less significant than under Option 3 which proposes an even higher level of growth. Taking forward a higher housing figure than the minimum required may also mean that it is more difficult to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites, and to avoid development in and around Minerals Consultation Areas, which could result in the sterilisation of minerals resources (there are Minerals Consultation Areas south west and eastern parts of the Borough). The consumption of minerals for construction would also be higher under this option compared to Option 1 but lower than under Option 3. Therefore, there may be minor negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.</p> <p>Option 3: This option involves taking forward a higher housing figure than proposed under the two alternative options, which could mean that there is an increase in the loss of good quality agricultural land to development (Melton Borough contains large areas of Grade 3 land and more limited areas of Grade 2 land, mainly in the central areas of the Borough). If a higher housing figure is taken forward it may also be more difficult to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites, and to avoid development in and around Minerals Consultation Areas, which could result in the sterilisation of minerals resources (there are Minerals Consultation Areas south west and eastern parts of the Borough). The consumption of minerals for construction would also be higher under this option compared to Options 1 and 2. Therefore, there may be significant negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.</p>

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<p>9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.</p>	0	0	0	<p>The options would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Effects on access to recreational and cultural facilities will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. their proximity to such facilities), which have been appraised separately.</p> <p>While levels of housing development may affect the extent to which increased pressure on community facilities results from population growth, it is assumed that infrastructure (including recreational and cultural facilities) would be provided at an appropriate level to support housing development under all of the options. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.</p>
<p>10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.</p>	--	+	++	<p>Option 1: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is at the lower end of the objectively assessed housing need. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is not high enough to support economic growth in the Borough, only to meet the need created through natural growth. Therefore, there could be a negative effect on the overall health of Melton's economy and levels of poverty and deprivation amongst local people. Taking forward this option, which only provides for natural population growth, is also likely to mean that the proportion of older people in the Borough continues to increase by the end of the plan period, so it will be particularly important to ensure that an appropriate range of services, facilities and housing are available to avoid increased social exclusion. A likely minor negative effect is therefore identified for this option over the short and medium term, increasing to significant negative in the long-term.</p> <p>Option 2: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is around the middle of the range for Melton's objectively assessed housing need. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is high enough to meet the projected need through natural growth and also go some way towards considering other factors. Therefore, there could be a minor positive effect on the overall health of Melton's economy and reducing levels of poverty and deprivation amongst local people. It is also less likely to result in an increase in the proportion of the population that is over the age of 65 compared to Option 1 and so there may be less risk of social exclusion amongst older people towards the end of the plan period. A likely minor positive effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: This option involves taking forward a housing figure for Melton Borough which is at the higher end of the objectively assessed housing need. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is high enough to support economic growth in the Borough, as well as meeting the need created through natural growth. Therefore, there is likely to be a positive effect on the overall health of Melton's economy and levels of poverty and deprivation amongst local people. The option is also likely to result in a lower proportion of the population being aged over 65 by the end of the plan</p>

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				<p>period compared to Options 1 and 2, which should mean that more people in the Borough are contributing to the local economy. A likely minor positive effect is therefore identified for this option over the short and medium term, increasing to significant positive in the long-term.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	<p>The options are not likely to have a direct effect on crime and community safety. Effects on crime levels and perceptions of personal safety will depend on wider factors, including the design of development sites (e.g. the incorporation of lighting). Incidences of road traffic accidents and levels of pedestrian/cyclist safety will also depend on other factors such as the design and layout of development and the behaviour of individuals. Therefore, negligible effects are likely over the short, medium and long-term for all options.</p>
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	-?	-?	<p>The effects of this option on waste generation will depend to some extent on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are on brownfield sites which may offer opportunities for the re-use of existing buildings and materials), which have been appraised separately.</p> <p>Option 1: A lower housing figure, as proposed under this option, may mean that it is easier to steer development to brownfield sites. While the total amount of household waste generated would be lower under this option compared to the options that propose higher levels of housing development, per capita waste generation would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments. Overall, a potential minor positive effect is likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term in comparison to Options 2 and 3, although this is uncertain depending on the location of development.</p> <p>Option 2: A higher housing figure than the minimum required, as proposed under this option, may mean that it is more difficult to steer development to brownfield sites (although this would be less significant than under Option 3 which proposes an even higher level of growth). While the total amount of household waste generated would be higher under this option compared to Option 1 and lower than under Option 3, per capita waste generation would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments. Overall, a potential minor negative effect is likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain depending on the location of development.</p> <p>Option 3: A higher housing figure, as proposed under this option, may mean that it is more difficult</p>

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				to steer development to brownfield sites. While the total amount of household waste generated would be higher under this option compared to the options that propose lower levels of housing development, per capita waste generation would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments. Overall, a potential minor negative effect is likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain depending on the location of development.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	--	++	++	<p>Option 1: This option involves delivering the minimum level of housing growth required to meet the objectively assessed housing need in Melton Borough. The level of housing growth proposed under this option is not high enough to support economic growth in the Borough, only to meet the need created through natural growth. This could have a negative effect on economic growth as a result of the Borough’s labour force being weaker. This would have resulting negative effects on the diversity of jobs available and it may result in a lack of employment development to support further economic growth. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely over the short and medium term and this could increase to a significant negative effect over the long-term.</p> <p>Option 2: This option involves delivering more than the minimum level of housing growth required to meet the need arising from natural population growth, and going some way towards considering other factors. This could have a minor positive effect on economic growth as a result of the Borough’s labour force being stronger, with resulting positive effects on the diversity of jobs available. It may also go some way towards stimulating employment development to support further economic growth. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely over the short and medium term and this could increase to a significant positive effect over the long-term.</p> <p>Option 3: This option involves delivering a higher level of housing growth than the minimum required, in order to meet the need arising from natural population growth and also supporting economic growth. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to enabling economic growth as a result of the Borough’s labour force being stronger. This would have resulting positive effects on the diversity of jobs available and it may result in additional employment development to support further economic growth. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely over the short, medium and long term.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	0	0	The options are not expected to have a direct effect on access to healthcare facilities. While the lower level of housing growth proposed under Option 1 in comparison to Options 2 and 3 may help to avoid increased pressure on infrastructure resulting from population growth, it is assumed that infrastructure (including healthcare facilities) would be provided at an appropriate level to support

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prolong life.				<p>housing development under all of the options for the level of growth. Effects on access to healthcare facilities will also depend on the location of sites that are allocated for housing development, which have been appraised separately in relation to their proximity to GPs and hospitals.</p> <p>Option 1: It is possible that a lower level of housing development may mean that opportunities to stimulate the provision of improved facilities such as sports and leisure facilities (which can encourage higher levels of physical activity) are lost; however it is also less likely that existing facilities would become overloaded. Therefore, a negligible effect on this objective is likely overall.</p> <p>Option 2: It is possible that housing development may stimulate the provision of improved facilities such as sports and leisure facilities (which can encourage higher levels of physical activity) and therefore the level of growth could influence this issue; however levels of growth would also affect the extent to which existing facilities may become overloaded. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely overall, over the short, medium and long- term.</p> <p>Option 3: It is possible that a higher level of housing development may mean that opportunities to stimulate the provision of improved leisure and sports facilities (which can encourage higher levels of physical activity) are more likely to be achieved; however it is also more likely that existing facilities would become overloaded if additional provision is not made. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely overall, over the short, medium and long- term.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	0	0	<p>The effects of this option on energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions will depend largely on the design of developments and the onsite practices used, rather than the overall scale of development. Levels of renewable energy generation and use in particular will depend on design and onsite practices. The effects of the options in relation to emissions from transport are addressed under SA objective 3 above.</p> <p>Option 1: While the large-scale development resulting from any of the options for the level of residential growth in Melton would lead to an increase in overall CO2 emissions, the increase may be lower under this option where growth would be more limited. However, as effects are largely dependent on other factors, a negligible effect is most likely overall over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 2: While the large-scale development resulting from any of the options for the level of growth in Melton would lead to an increase in overall CO2 emissions, the increase may be lower under this option compared to Option 3, but higher than under Option 1. However, as effects are largely dependent on other factors, a negligible effect is likely overall over the short, medium and long-</p>

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				<p>term.</p> <p>Option 3: While the large-scale development resulting from any of the options for the level of residential growth in Melton would lead to an increase in overall CO2 emissions, the increase may be particularly high under this option where growth levels would be higher. However, as effects are largely dependent on other factors, a negligible effect is likely overall over the short, medium and long- term.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>The effects of the options on flood risk will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated, in particular whether they are within higher risk flood zones – there are areas of flood zone 2 and 3 within the Borough, in particular around the River Eye which runs east-west through the Borough and passes through Melton Mowbray. The proximity of residential site options to areas of high flood risk has been appraised separately.</p> <p>While the large-scale housing development that would result from any of the options for the level of growth in Melton is very likely to result in the loss of at least some impermeable surfaces as a result of development on greenfield land, it may be possible to mitigate impacts, for example by incorporating SuDS into the development.</p> <p>Higher levels of housing development (e.g. Options 2 and 3) may mean that it is more difficult to direct development to brownfield land and pressure on greenfield sites may increase, thereby increasing the loss of impermeable surfaces. However, the design and location of development will be the primary determinants of effects, rather than the overall scale of growth in the Borough. Therefore, the effects of all three options are uncertain depending on the above factors.</p>
<p>17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>The effects of the options on water quality in Melton will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are in locations where there is capacity in the sewage treatment system to accommodate the development), which have been appraised separately.</p> <p>While it will be necessary to ensure that sensitive watercourses, source protection zones and aquifers are not adversely affected by new development, the overall scale of housing growth cannot be used to assume the likelihood of affects. Therefore a negligible effect on this objective is expected over the short, medium and long-term for all three options.</p> <p>Effects on the efficient consumption of water (i.e. per capita levels of water consumption) will depend on factors such as peoples’ behaviour and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into new developments, rather than the overall scale of development.</p>

Q7: How should Melton Borough Grow?

Option 1: Melton Mowbray focus: development focused on Melton Mowbray with small scale development in rural settlements.

Option 2: Reduced Melton Borough focus: majority of development still in Melton Mowbray but with increased development in rural villages.

Option 3: Dispersed development: increased development in settlements across the Borough with further reduction in development in Melton Mowbray.

Option 4: The majority of development concentrated in one location as discussed in question 9. Note that the potential sites for a new village (Great Dalby and Normanton airfields and Six Hills) have also been subject to SA individually as large-scale site options. This appraisal therefore focuses on the principles of a new village, taking into account those potential locations where relevant.

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<p>1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>The effects of the distribution of development within the Borough on ensuring that the housing stock meets the needs of local people will be mainly determined by the amount and type of housing that is developed and the proportion that is affordable and designed to meet the needs of particular groups such as older people, rather than the spatial distribution. The disparity between incomes and house prices is highest in the rural areas of the Borough.</p> <p>Option 1: Focussing most housing development in Melton Mowbray may reduce the opportunities to deliver affordable housing there. However, it is also noted that development focussed mainly in Melton Mowbray is likely to be larger in scale and therefore the delivery of affordable housing within the development may be more viable than where there is more smaller scale development in rural areas. A potential mixed (significant positive and minor negative effect) on this SA objective is therefore likely, over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 2: Focussing most housing development in Melton Mowbray (although less than under Option 1) may reduce the opportunities to deliver affordable housing there. However, it is also noted that development focussed mainly in Melton Mowbray is likely to be larger in scale and therefore the delivery of affordable housing within the development may be more viable than where there is more smaller scale development in rural areas. A potential mixed (significant positive and minor negative effect) on this SA objective is therefore likely, over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 3: Focussing most housing development in Melton Mowbray may offer good opportunities to deliver affordable housing there. However, it is also noted that development focussed mainly in rural areas is likely to be smaller in scale and therefore the delivery of affordable housing within the development may be less viable than where there is larger scale development focused at Melton Mowbray. A potential mixed (minor</p>

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					<p>positive and minor negative effect) on this SA objective is therefore likely, over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 4: Concentrating majority of housing development in one location as a new village could reduce opportunities to deliver affordable housing in the rural areas. However, larger-scale development at a new village may mean that it is more viable to incorporate affordable housing provision. The significant infrastructure requirements associated with a new development (particularly taking into account the relatively remote locations of the Six Hills, Great Dalby and Normanton Airfield sites) could draw funding away from other areas, including the delivery of affordable housing. A mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore likely, over the short, medium and long-term.</p>
<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p>The distribution of growth within Melton Borough will not have a direct effect on the creation of high knowledge jobs and levels of qualifications. Likely effects on this objective will therefore be determined by levels of access to schools.</p> <p>Option 1: Levels of access to education may be better where development is mainly focussed in Melton Mowbray as the majority of the Borough's schools (particularly at secondary level) are focussed there and journey times may be shorter, with easier access via sustainable modes of transport. However, continuing to focus most development at Melton Mowbray may mean that potential opportunities to improve access to services, including education facilities, in rural areas are lost. If population growth is centred at Melton Mowbray there will be less of an increase in support for rural schools. Overall, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Option 2: Access to education may be better where development is mainly focussed in Melton Mowbray as the majority of the Borough's schools (particularly at secondary level) are focussed there and journey times may be shorter, with easier access via sustainable modes of transport. While the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: Access to education may be poorer where development is distributed throughout the Borough rather than being mainly focussed in Melton Mowbray as the majority of the Borough's schools (particularly at secondary level) are focussed there and</p>

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					<p>journey times may be longer, with less good access via sustainable modes of transport. Therefore, a potential minor negative effect is identified over the short, medium and long term although this is uncertain depending on where in the Borough development is distributed, in relation to the location of schools.</p> <p>Option 4: This option could affect levels of access to education. Focussing most new development in one location (likely to be a new village at either Great Dalby or Normanton Airfields or at Six Hills) would mean that access to the concentration of existing schools (particularly at secondary level) in Melton Mowbray would be less good, particularly if the new development is at Normanton Airfield or Six Hills which are further from the centre of Melton Mowbray. In addition, opportunities to provide additional support for existing rural schools would be lost. However, focussing development in a single new village would be likely to provide the critical mass of growth required to stimulate the delivery of a new school or schools as part of the development. Co-locating residential development with such new infrastructure could mean that access is convenient, even for people without access to a car. Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely over the medium and long term.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	++	++	-?	+/-?	<p>Option 1: Locating most development at Melton Mowbray is likely to have a significant positive effect on enabling people to use sustainable transport. Journeys to work and to access services and facilities are likely to be shorter and therefore more easily undertaken on foot or by bicycle, and public transport services in the Melton Mowbray area are better than in the more rural parts of the Borough. A significant positive effect is likely over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 2: Locating most development at Melton Mowbray is likely to have a significant positive effect on enabling people to use sustainable transport. Journeys to work and to access services and facilities are likely to be shorter and therefore more easily undertaken on foot or by bicycle, and public transport services in the Melton Mowbray area are better than in the more rural parts of the Borough. While the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. A minor positive effect is likely in the short term, increasing to significant positive in the medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing development throughout the Borough, rather than focussing it in Melton Mowbray, is likely to have a negative effect on enabling people to use sustainable transport. Journeys to work and to access services and facilities are likely to be longer and undertaken by car, and public transport services in rural areas are less good than in</p>

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					<p>the Melton Mowbray area. While new development may stimulate the provision of new transport links, if development is spread out rather than being focussed in one location, there is unlikely to be the critical mass in one place required to deliver new services. A potential minor negative effect is therefore likely over the short, medium and long-term although this is uncertain depending on where in the Borough development is distributed.</p> <p>Option 4: The effects of this option on sustainable transport will depend largely on the form that the new settlement would take, in particular the extent to which it would incorporate employment provision, services and facilities and therefore operate as a relatively self-contained settlement. While the potential sites at Normanton Airfield and Six Hills are located some distance outside of Melton Mowbray where the majority of existing jobs, services and facilities are located, the third site option at Great Dalby Airfield is closer to Melton Mowbray and it may be easier to incorporate sustainable transport links such as footpaths and cycle paths as well as new bus routes into the town centre. However, it is still some distance from Melton Mowbray town centre. The principle of a new settlement is likely to result in an increase in car movements in the Borough, particularly if it is located away from Melton Mowbray. An overall mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely over the short, medium and long term although this is to some extent uncertain depending on the location of the new settlement and what it includes in terms of employment, services and facilities.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	0	0	0	0	<p>The distribution of development within Melton Borough will not have a direct effect on this objective. Effects will be determined by the quantum of development rather than its distribution.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the</p>	+/--?	+/--?	-?	+/--?	<p>Option 1: Minimising the extent of development in rural areas may help to preserve the character of villages and the quality of rural landscapes. However, while directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer good opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites at the town, it may also result in the loss of greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray if the development takes the form of a large-scale urban extension</p>

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landscape.					<p>(most of the Borough's growth would not be able to be accommodated at Melton Mowbray through infill alone). Landscape sensitivity around Melton Mowbray is generally moderate or high. Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is identified for this SA objective over the short, medium and long-term, although this is uncertain depending on the specific location of development at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere in relation to the areas of highest landscape sensitivity. Effects will also depend on the design of the development and the incorporation of mitigation measures.</p> <p>Option 2: Minimising the extent of development in rural areas may help to preserve the character of villages and the quality of rural landscapes. While the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. Although directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer good opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites at the town, it may also result in the loss of greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray if the development takes the form of a large-scale urban extension (most of the Borough's growth would not be able to be accommodated at Melton Mowbray through infill alone). As noted above, landscape sensitivity around Melton Mowbray is generally moderate or high. Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is identified for this SA objective over the short, medium and long-term, although this is uncertain depending on the specific location of development at Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing development in rural areas may have an adverse impact on the character of villages and the quality of rural landscapes, depending on its location. However, it is assumed that new development would be of high quality design. Therefore, a potential minor negative effect on this objective is identified although this is uncertain until specific development proposals come forward and the location in relation to areas of high landscape sensitivity is known.</p> <p>Option 4: Focussing the majority of the development in a new settlement in a single location is likely to have a significant negative effect on the landscape (the SA of the site options at Six Hills, Normanton Airfield and Dalby Airfield all identified potential significant negative effects on this SA objective), although this is largely dependent on the design and layout of the new village. However, it is also possible that this approach would help to preserve the character of villages and the quality of rural landscapes in other locations. Therefore, a mixed (significant negative and minor positive) effect is identified for this SA objective over the short, medium and long-term, although this is uncertain depending on the design and layout of the new settlement.</p>

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<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	+/--?	+/--?	+/-?	+/--?	<p>The effects of development on this SA objective will depend more on the specific location of the development in relation to areas of biodiversity and geodiversity value with respect to sites of known biodiversity value, rather than its overall distribution within the Borough. The effects on ecological networks, including supporting and connecting habitats, and non-designated sites and species, are difficult to predict at the strategic level.</p> <p>Option 1: While directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer good opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites within the town, thereby avoiding habitat loss on greenfield sites, it may also result in large-scale development on greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray if the development takes the form of a large-scale urban extension (most of the Borough's growth would not be able to be accommodated at Melton Mowbray through infill alone). It is also noted that brownfield sites within the town may harbour valuable biodiversity. While directing most growth to Melton Mowbray would steer the majority of development away from the SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites located elsewhere in the Borough, there are a number of Local Wildlife Site around the town, including the large Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site to the north and Bull Field and Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings in the west. Therefore, it will be important for development sites at Melton Mowbray to be considered carefully in relation to the potential impacts on these features (the large-scale development site options around the town have been subject to SA separately). New development may also offer good opportunities to incorporate biodiversity enhancements wherever it is located, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure. Therefore, the overall effects of this option are mixed (minor positive and significant negative) and are currently uncertain, depending on the design and specific location of development.</p> <p>Option 2: While directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer good opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites within the town, thereby avoiding habitat loss on greenfield sites, it may also result in large-scale development on greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray if the development takes the form of a large-scale urban extension (most of the Borough's growth would not be able to be accommodated at Melton Mowbray through infill alone). It is also noted that brownfield sites within the town may harbour valuable biodiversity. Although the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. While directing most growth to Melton Mowbray would steer the majority of development away from the SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites located elsewhere in the Borough, there are a number of Local Wildlife Site around the town, including the large Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site to the north</p>

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					<p>and Bull Field and Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings in the west. Therefore, it will be important for development sites at Melton Mowbray to be considered carefully in relation to the potential impacts on these features (the large-scale development site options around the town have been subject to SA separately). New development may also offer good opportunities to incorporate biodiversity enhancements wherever it is located, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure. Therefore, the overall effects of this option are mixed (minor positive and significant negative) and are currently uncertain, depending on the design and specific location of development.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough’s development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray may make it easier to avoid habitat loss through development on greenfield land, in comparison to when development is focussed mainly in one location. Despite this, it is noted that brownfield sites within the town may harbour valuable biodiversity. The effects of development that is distributed around the Borough will depend largely on the proximity of development to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features. There are SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites distributed fairly evenly within the Borough, although there are slightly more in the north; therefore effects on these features may be more likely if development is steered to that area. New development may also offer good opportunities to incorporate biodiversity enhancements wherever it is located, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure. Therefore, the overall effects of this option are mixed (minor positive and minor negative) and are currently uncertain, depending on the design and specific location of development.</p> <p>Option 4: The effects of development on this SA objective will depend largely on the location of the development in relation to areas of biodiversity and geodiversity value. However, the SA of the Six Hills, Normanton Airfield and Dalby Airfield site options for a new settlement all identified potential negative effects on this SA objective, which at Normanton Airfield could be significant as the site contains a potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Airfield Road Verge). At Dalby Airfield and Six Hills, potential minor negative effects were identified as, while there are no designated sites such as SSSIs or Local Wildlife Sites within or close to the site boundaries, a number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts are nearby. In any location, the principle of developing a new village will inevitably result in the loss of large areas of greenfield land, which could potentially be of habitat value even if it is not part of or near to a designated site. Despite this, new development may also offer good opportunities to incorporate biodiversity enhancements wherever it is located, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure. Therefore, the overall effects of this option are mixed (potentially minor positive and significant negative) and are</p>

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					currently uncertain, depending on the design of the new village, in particular the incorporation of open space and other green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	--?	-?	--?	<p>Option 1: Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray could help to preserve the historic character of the rural villages. However, the effects of development will depend mainly on the specific location, rather than the broad distribution, in particularly the proximity of development to sensitive heritage features. There is a cluster of listed buildings in the centre of Melton Mowbray which could be affected by nearby development, although it is likely that most of the growth would be delivered through an urban extension on the edge of the town as only a limited amount could be delivered through infill development within the town. While there are fewer heritage features outside of the town centre, there are a number of scattered listed buildings as well as two Scheduled Monuments – Sysonby Grange and Medieval Settlement Remains – to the north west and south west of Melton Mowbray respectively, which may be affected by nearby development, particularly if it is large in scale. Therefore, an overall significant negative effect is identified for the short, medium and long term although this is uncertain depending on the design of development and its specific location, particularly the location of the development that comes forward outside of Melton Mowbray. It is also recognised that high quality new development may offer the opportunity to enhance the setting of nearby heritage features.</p> <p>Option 2: While the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray could help to preserve the historic character of the rural villages. However, the effects of development will depend mainly on the specific location, rather than the broad distribution, in particularly the proximity of development to sensitive heritage features. There is a cluster of listed buildings in the centre of Melton Mowbray which could be affected by nearby development, although it is likely that most of the growth would be delivered through an urban extension on the edge of the town as only a limited amount could be delivered through infill development within the town. While there are fewer heritage features outside of the town centre, there are a number of scattered listed buildings as well as two Scheduled Monuments – Sysonby Grange and Medieval Settlement Remains – to the north west and south west of Melton Mowbray respectively, which may be affected by nearby development, particularly if it is large in scale. Therefore, an overall significant negative effect is identified for the short, medium and long term although this is uncertain depending on the design of development and its specific location, particularly the location of the development that comes forward outside of Melton Mowbray. It is also recognised that high quality new</p>

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					<p>development may offer the opportunity to enhance the setting of nearby heritage features.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough’s development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray could have an adverse impact on the historic character of the rural villages. However, the effects of development will depend mainly on the specific location, rather than the broad distribution, in particularly the proximity of development to sensitive heritage features. Listed buildings and other heritage features are distributed fairly evenly throughout the Borough; therefore development in any part of Melton could potentially result in impacts on those features. Therefore, an overall minor negative effect is identified for the short, medium and long term although this is uncertain depending on the design of development and its specific location. It is also recognised that high quality new development may offer the opportunity to enhance the setting of nearby heritage features.</p> <p>Option 4: Focussing most development in one location in a new village could help to preserve the historic character of the existing rural villages. However, the effects of development will depend mainly on the location of the new village, rather than the overall distribution of development, in particularly the proximity of development to sensitive heritage features. While the Dalby Airfield and Six Hills new settlement site options are not close to any designated heritage features, the Normanton Airfield site could have a significant negative effect on this objective as the site contains a small part of Normanton Conservation Area and there are a number of listed buildings within close proximity. Therefore, a potential significant negative effect is identified for the short, medium and long term although this is uncertain depending on the site that is selected and factors such as the design of the new development. It is also recognised that high quality new development may offer the opportunity to enhance the setting of nearby heritage features.</p>
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	--?	-?	--?	<p>Option 1: While directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer some opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites within the town, thereby avoiding development on greenfield land, it is also likely to result in large-scale development on greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray in the form of a large-scale urban extension as most of the Borough’s growth would not be able to be accommodated at Melton Mowbray through infill alone. Most of the land around Melton Mowbray is Grade 3 agricultural land (it is not known if this is Grade 3a or 3b) although there are also areas of Grade 2 land, particularly to the north west, north east and south east of the town. Large-scale development in those areas could therefore have particularly negative effects. Two of</p>

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					<p>the Minerals Consultation Areas in the Borough are adjacent to Melton Mowbray, to the east and west of the town. Development in those locations could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. Overall, a significant negative effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long term, although this is uncertain depending on the eventual location of development at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere, in relation to the areas of highest quality agricultural land and Minerals Consultation Zones.</p> <p>Option 2: Although directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer some opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites within the town, thereby avoiding development on greenfield land, it is also likely to result in large-scale development on greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray in the form of a large-scale urban extension as most of the Borough's growth would not be able to be accommodated at Melton Mowbray through infill alone. As described above, most of the land around Melton Mowbray is Grade 3 agricultural land (it is not known if this is Grade 3a or 3b) although there are also areas of Grade 2 land, particularly to the north west, north east and south east of the town. Large-scale development in those areas could therefore have particularly negative effects. Two of the Minerals Consultation Areas in the Borough are adjacent to Melton Mowbray, to the east and west of the town. Development in those locations could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. While the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. Overall, a significant negative effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long term, although this is uncertain depending on the eventual location of development at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere, in relation to the areas of highest quality agricultural land and Minerals Consultation Zones.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough's development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray may make it easier to avoid development on greenfield land, in comparison to when development is focussed mainly in one location. However, the effects of this option are largely uncertain and will depend on the location of the distributed development in relation to the areas of high quality agricultural land in the Borough (Melton Borough contains large areas of Grade 3 agricultural land as well as more limited areas of Grade 2 land which are mainly located in the central areas of the Borough). Effects will also depend on the proximity of development to Minerals Consultation Areas, where development could result in the sterilisation of minerals resources (there are Minerals Consultation Areas south west and eastern parts of the Borough). Overall, there may be a minor negative effect on this objective although this is currently uncertain until the distribution of the development is known.</p>

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					<p>Option 4: Focussing most development in one location in a new village would result in large-scale development on greenfield land, regardless of its location. However, effects on this objective would be particularly negative if the site selected were to be within an area of high quality agricultural land (Melton Borough contains large areas of Grade 3 agricultural land as well as more limited areas of Grade 2 land which are mainly located in the central areas of the Borough). Both of the potential sites at Great Dalby and Normanton Airfields are within Grade 3 agricultural land, although it is not known if this is Grade 3a or 3b. Effects will also depend on the proximity of the development to the Borough's Minerals Consultation Areas (MCAs), where development could result in the sterilisation of minerals resources (there are Minerals Consultation Areas south west and eastern parts of the Borough). While Dalby Airfield is not within close proximity of a MCA, a small part of a sand and gravel MCA lies within the Normanton Airfield site option towards its western edge. The close proximity of this MCA may result in the sterilisation of minerals at this location although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction. Overall, a significant negative effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long term, although this is uncertain depending on the eventual location of the new development and whether it is on Grade 3a or 3b agricultural land.</p>
<p>9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.</p>	<p>++/-?</p>	<p>++/-?</p>	<p>--/+?</p>	<p>--/+?</p>	<p>Option 1: Locating most development at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the services and facilities that are mainly located there, particularly benefitting people without access to a car. Focussing the population growth at the town could also stimulate the provision of new services and facilities there. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long-term. However, directing most development to Melton Mowbray would also compound access-related issues for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in those areas are lost. Village vitality may also be detrimentally affected as more activity is concentrated in Melton Mowbray. Therefore, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.</p> <p>Option 2: Locating most development at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the services and facilities that are mainly located there, particularly benefitting people without access to a car. Focussing the population growth at the town could also stimulate the provision of new services and facilities there. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short term, increasing to significant positive over the medium and long-term. While the proportion of</p>

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					<p>development at Melton Mowbray would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. However, directing most development to Melton Mowbray would also compound access-related issues for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in those areas are lost. Village vitality may also be detrimentally affected as more activity is concentrated in Melton Mowbray. Therefore, a mixed effect is likely overall although this is uncertain depending on the exact distribution of development.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough's development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray, would mean that fewer people would be easily able to access the services and facilities that are mainly located there, particularly people without access to a car. Distributing development widely throughout the Borough would also mean that it would be less likely to provide the critical mass required to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in any one location. A significant negative effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long-term. However, distributing development around the Borough would also mean that there may be positive effects on the vitality of villages as a result of new development outside of Melton Mowbray. Therefore, a mixed (significant negative and minor positive) effect is likely overall although this is uncertain depending on the exact distribution of development.</p> <p>Option 4: Locating most development at a new settlement would mean that people are less easily able to access the existing services and facilities that are mainly located at Melton Mowbray, particularly if the new settlement is at Normanton Airfield which is located far from the town to the north. In addition, directing most development to a new village would also compound existing access-related issues for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in those areas are lost. The vitality of existing villages may also be detrimentally affected as more activity is concentrated in a new village. However, concentrating the development mainly in a single new settlement could mean that services and facilities would be provided as part of the new village. A mixed (significant negative and minor positive) effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long-term and is uncertain depending on what services and facilities are provided within the new village.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation	--/+	--/+	-	--	<p>Option 1: Focussing most new development at Melton Mowbray is likely to mean that there is reduced support for rural services and facilities and reduced village vitality which</p>

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and secure economic inclusion.					<p>would increase social deprivation and exclusion in rural areas. A negative effect is therefore likely – minor in the short term and increasing to significant in the medium and long-term. However, there may also be a minor positive effect as focussing development at Melton Mowbray would improve social inclusion for the concentration of people living in and around the town.</p> <p>Option 2: Focussing most new development at Melton Mowbray is likely to mean that there is reduced support for rural services and facilities and reduced village vitality which would increase social deprivation and exclusion in rural areas. A negative effect is therefore likely – minor in the short and medium term and increasing to significant in the long-term. However, there may also be a minor positive effect as focussing development at Melton Mowbray would improve social inclusion for the concentration of people living in and around the town.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough’s development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray, is likely to mean that there is increased support for rural services and facilities and reduced village vitality which would reduce social deprivation and exclusion in rural areas. A minor negative effect is therefore likely in the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 4: Focussing most new development at a new village is likely to mean that there is reduced support for rural services and facilities and reduced vitality at existing villages which would increase social deprivation and exclusion in rural areas. A negative effect is therefore likely – minor in the short term and increasing to significant in the medium and long-term.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	0	The distribution of development in Melton Borough would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Instead, effects would be determined by factors such as the design of development, e.g. the incorporation of lighting, which can improve perception of safety at night.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0?	0?	?	+/-?	The effects of growth on waste generation will depend to some extent on the location of sites that are allocated for development (i.e. whether they are on brownfield land which may offer opportunities for the re-use of existing buildings and materials). The total amount of household waste generated would be unaffected by the distribution of development within the Borough, and per capita waste generation would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments.

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					<p>Option 1: Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray is likely to result in the development of an urban extension on greenfield land as it would not be possible to accommodate most of the Borough’s development through only infill development within the town. Therefore, opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials are unlikely to exist and a negligible effect is most likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain depending on the exact location of development.</p> <p>Option 2: Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray is likely to result in the development of an urban extension on greenfield land as it would not be possible to accommodate most of the Borough’s development through only infill development within the town. While the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough’s growth under this option and significant development on greenfield land is still considered likely. Therefore, opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials are unlikely to exist and a negligible effect is most likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain depending on the exact location of development.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough’s development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray could mean that more development can be accommodated on brownfield sites in comparison to when large-scale development is focussed mainly in one location. Overall, effects on this objective are therefore uncertain depending on the exact location of development around the Borough.</p> <p>Option 4: Focussing most development at a new settlement would result in large-scale development, which could be on greenfield land where opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials are not likely to exist. The Six Hills site option is on greenfield land. However, the Normanton and Dalby Airfield site options both include some brownfield land; therefore there may be a minor positive effect if either of those site options is taken forward and there are opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials. Overall, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely for this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain depending on which site is eventually developed.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to	+	+	-	-	<p>This SA objective will be mainly affected by the overall quantum of growth rather than its distribution with the Borough.</p> <p>Option 1: Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray may help to reduce traffic</p>

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enable economic growth.					<p>congestion as more people can walk, cycle and use public transport. This may have a minor indirect positive effect on creating conditions to enable economic growth.</p> <p>Option 2: Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray may help to reduce traffic congestion as more people can walk, cycle and use public transport. This may have a minor indirect positive effect on creating conditions to enable economic growth. While the proportion of development at Melton Mowbray would be slightly lower under this option than under Option 1, a positive effect is still likely.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough’s development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray, may result in increased traffic congestion as fewer people would be able to walk, cycle and use public transport for day-to-day journeys. This may have a minor indirect negative effect on creating conditions to enable economic growth.</p> <p>Option 4: Focussing most development in a new settlement away from Melton Mowbray may increase traffic congestion as fewer people can walk, cycle and use public transport. This is particularly likely if the Normanton Airfield site is taken forward as it is located far from Melton Mowbray. This may have a minor indirect negative effect on creating conditions to enable economic growth.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-		-	-/+?	<p>Option 1: Locating most development at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be shorter. This is likely to help increase levels of physical activity day to day. Access to healthcare facilities would also be better, as most of the GPs and other medical facilities in the Borough are located in the town. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long-term. However, directing most development to Melton Mowbray would also compound access issues for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new facilities (including healthcare facilities) in those areas are lost. Therefore, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.</p> <p>Option 2: Locating most development at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be shorter. This is likely to help increase levels of physical activity day to day. Access to healthcare facilities would also be better, as most of the GPs and other medical facilities in the Borough are located in the town. While the</p>

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					<p>proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short term, increasing to significant positive over the medium and long-term. However, directing most development to Melton Mowbray would also compound access issues for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new facilities (including healthcare facilities) in those areas are lost. Therefore, a mixed effect is likely overall.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough's development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray, would mean that fewer people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be longer. This would mean that opportunities to help increase levels of physical activity day to day would be lost. Access to healthcare facilities would also be poorer, as most of the GPs and other medical facilities in the Borough are located in the town. A minor negative effect on this objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 4: Locating most development at a new settlement is likely to mean that fewer people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located at Melton Mowbray on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be longer. This means that opportunities to help increase levels of physical activity day to day would be lost. Access to healthcare facilities may also be poor, as most of the GPs and other medical facilities in the Borough are located in Melton Mowbray (although it is possible that new facilities would be provided within the new village). This approach would also compound access issues for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new facilities (including healthcare facilities) in those areas are lost. Therefore, a mixed (minor negative and minor positive) effect is likely overall although this is currently uncertain depending on the location of the new village and whether new healthcare facilities would be provided as part of the development.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the	++	++	-?	+/-??	<p>Development in any location would result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, and the extent to which development is energy efficient and may incorporate renewable energy generation and use would not be determined by its broad location. Instead, such effects would be determined by design and people's behaviour.</p> <p>Option 1: Locating most development at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there via sustainable transport e.g. on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be shorter. There are</p>

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Borough.					<p>also better public transport links in and around the town compared with the more rural areas of the Borough where levels of car use would be likely to be much higher. This would have a significant positive effect on levels of emissions and air quality, over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 2: Locating most development at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there via sustainable transport e.g. on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be shorter. There are also better public transport links in and around the town compared with the more rural areas of the Borough where levels of car use would be likely to be much higher. While the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. This would have a minor positive effect on levels of emissions and air quality in the short term, increasing to significant positive in the medium and long-term.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough's development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray, would mean that people would be less easily able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there via sustainable transport e.g. on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be longer. There are also less good public transport links in and around the town compared with the more rural areas of the Borough where levels of car use would be likely to be much higher, and the critical mass of development required to stimulate the provision of new services is unlikely to be achieved in any one location. Therefore this option is likely to have a minor negative effect on levels of emissions and air quality, over the short, medium and long-term, although effects are uncertain until the location of the distributed development is known.</p> <p>Option 4: Locating most development in a new settlement would mean that people living there are less easily able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located in Melton Mowbray via sustainable transport e.g. on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be longer. This is particularly likely to be the case if the Normanton Airfield or Six Hills sites were to be taken forward as they are located some distance to the north of Melton Mowbray. The third site option at Great Dalby Airfield is much closer to Melton Mowbray and it may be possible to incorporate sustainable transport links such as footpaths and cycle paths as well as new bus routes into the town centre. However, the effects of this option on levels of greenhouse gas emissions from transport will depend largely on the form that the new settlement would take, in particular the extent to which it would incorporate employment provision, services and facilities and therefore operate as a relatively self-contained settlement. Despite this, the principle of a new</p>

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					settlement is likely to result in an increase in car movements in the Borough, particularly if it is located away from Melton Mowbray. An overall mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is likely over the short, medium and long term although this is to some extent uncertain depending on the location and nature of the new settlement.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-?	-?	?	-?	<p>Option 1: Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray is likely to result in the loss of permeable greenfield land as it would not be possible to deliver that amount of development through infill alone and it is assumed that development would be delivered through an urban extension. There are fairly extensive areas of flood zones 2 and 3 in Melton Mowbray, around the River Eye which runs through the town from east-west. Therefore, focussing most development at the town may mean that it is more difficult to steer development away from high flood risk areas, and a potential minor negative effect is identified. However, this is uncertain depending on the exact location of development, and it is noted that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation such as SuDS into new development.</p> <p>Option 2: Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray is likely to result in the loss of permeable greenfield land as it would not be possible to deliver that amount of development through infill alone and it is assumed that development would be delivered through an urban extension. While the extent of development on greenfield land may not be as great as under Option 1, Melton Mowbray would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option so large-scale development on greenfield land is still likely to result. There are fairly extensive areas of flood zones 2 and 3 in Melton Mowbray, around the River Eye which runs through the town from east-west. Therefore, focussing most development at the town may mean that it is more difficult to steer development away from high flood risk areas, and a potential minor negative effect is identified. However, this is uncertain depending on the exact location of development, and it is noted that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation such as SuDS into new development.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough's development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray, may mean that more development can be accommodated on brownfield sites (thereby reducing the loss of permeable land) in comparison to when large-scale development is focussed mainly in one location. However, the effects of this option would depend largely on the specific locations of the dispersed development in relation to areas of high flood risk. As there are fairly extensive areas of flood zones 2 and 3 in Melton Mowbray, around the River Eye which runs through the town from east-</p>

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					<p>west, distributing development more widely may make it easier to avoid those areas. It is also noted that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation such as SuDS into new development. However, the effects of this option are uncertain depending on the exact location of development.</p> <p>Option 4: Focussing most development at a single new village is likely to result in the loss of large areas of permeable greenfield land which may increase runoff rates and reduce infiltration although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation such as green infrastructure and SuDS. The two potential locations for the new village that are identified in the Issues and Options consultation document (Normanton and Great Dalby Airfields) are both located outside of the high flood risk areas of the Borough; therefore focussing development in either location may steer it away from areas of higher flood risk. Overall, a potential minor negative effect is therefore identified and this is currently uncertain depending on the eventual location and design of the development.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	?	?	?	?	<p>The effects of development on the efficient use of water resources will depend on the design of the development and behaviour of people, rather than the overall spatial distribution of development within the Borough.</p> <p>Option 1: Focussing most of the Borough's development at Melton Mowbray may place particularly increased pressure on the sewage treatment works serving the town. Information about existing capacity at the sewage treatment works is not currently available; however it is assumed that any upgrades to the capacity that may be required would be delivered as part of the development proposals. There is a Source Protection Zone in Melton Mowbray, although this is in the centre of the town, away from the greenfield land around the edge of the town where large-scale development would need to be focussed. The likely effect on this objective is therefore uncertain.</p> <p>Option 2: While the proportion of development at the town would be lower than under Option 1, it would still be the focus of most of the Borough's growth under this option. Focussing most of the Borough's development at Melton Mowbray may place particularly increased pressure on the sewage treatment works serving the town, although not to quite the same extent as under Option 1. Information about existing capacity at the sewage treatment works is not currently available; however it is assumed that any upgrades to the capacity that may be required would be delivered as part of the development proposals. There is a Source Protection Zone in Melton Mowbray, although this is in the centre of the town, away from the greenfield land around the edge of the</p>

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					<p>town where large-scale development would need to be focussed. The likely effect on this objective is therefore uncertain..</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing the Borough’s development more widely, rather than focussing it at Melton Mowbray, would help to avoid particularly increased pressure on the sewage treatment works in any one location. Information about existing capacity at the sewage treatment works is not currently available; however it is assumed that any upgrades to the capacity that may be required would be delivered as part of the development proposals. There is a Source Protection Zone in Melton Mowbray and directing most of the Borough’s development to areas outside of the town may therefore reduce the chances of negative effect on water quality. The likely effect on this objective is therefore uncertain and will depend on the location of development within the Borough.</p> <p>Option 4: Concentrating new development mainly in one location may result in a significant increase in pressure on the sewage treatment works serving that area. Information about existing capacity at the sewage treatment works is not currently available; however it is assumed that any upgrades to the capacity that may be required would be delivered as part of the development proposals. There is a Source Protection Zone in Melton Mowbray, and focussing development in a new village elsewhere in the Borough would therefore draw development away from that area. The likely effect on this objective is therefore uncertain and will depend on the location of the new development and the incorporation of supporting infrastructure.</p>

Q8: How do you think that development in the Borough should be provided?

Option 1: Concentrated in a single large development on the edge of town

Option 2: Provided through a few larger developments

Option 3: Development completely dispersed around the town

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the	++	++	+	<p>It is assumed that the distribution of development around Melton Mowbray will not affect the amount of housing provided in the Borough.</p> <p>Option 1: If development is concentrated in a single large development, more affordable housing is</p>

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<p>present and future residents of the Borough.</p>				<p>likely to be provided to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in Melton Borough between 2011 and 2036¹⁴⁹. This is because the funding available would be focussed in one location and it may be more viable as part of a larger-scale development. A significant positive effect is therefore expected over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: If development is brought forward in a small number of large developments, more affordable housing is likely to be provided to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in Melton Borough between 2011 and 2036¹⁵⁰. This is because the funding available would be focussed in fewer locations and it may be more viable as part of a larger-scale development. A significant positive effect is therefore expected over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: If development is dispersed around the town, it may be slightly more difficult to deliver affordable housing to meet the identified need for 1,775 affordable homes in Melton Borough between 2011 and 2036¹⁵¹. This is because the funding available would be dispersed and it may be less viable to deliver affordable housing within smaller-scale developments. However, Option 3 could still deliver affordable housing. A minor positive effect is therefore expected over the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	++/-	++/-	+/-	<p>The distribution of development at Melton Mowbray will not have a direct effect on levels of qualifications or the creation of high knowledge jobs. However, it will influence the achievement of this objective by affecting how easily people are able to access education facilities. Regardless of the distribution around the town, development that is focussed at Melton Mowbray is likely to mean that access to existing schools is relatively good as the majority of the existing schools and colleges are focussed in that part of the Borough. Access to secondary education is particularly good at Melton Mowbray compared to other parts of the Borough.</p> <p>Option 1: Focussing development in a single large development on the edge of Melton Mowbray could result in particular increases in pressure on existing schools nearby, potentially resulting in those facilities becoming overloaded. However, it may also be easier to provide new education facilities, such as a new primary school, within the development if funding for such services and infrastructure is concentrated in a single location and the development is of a size to provide the critical mass required for a new school. Therefore, mixed effects (significant positive and minor negative) are likely for this SA objective over the short, medium and long term.</p>

¹⁴⁹ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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				<p>Option 2: Focussing development in a small number of large developments could result in increases in pressure on existing schools nearby, potentially resulting in those facilities becoming overloaded. However, it may also be easier to provide new education facilities, such as a new primary school, within the developments if funding for such services and infrastructure is concentrated in a few locations. Therefore, mixed effects (significant positive and minor negative) are likely for this SA objective over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: Dispersing development at Melton Mowbray around the town is less likely to mean that there are significant increases in pressure on individual existing schools, which could have otherwise resulted in those facilities becoming overloaded. However, it may also be more difficult to deliver new education facilities, such as a new primary school, as part of the new development as funding for such services and infrastructure would not be concentrated in a single location. Therefore, mixed effects (minor positive and minor negative) are likely for this SA objective over the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	++	+	-?	<p>Option 1: If development at Melton Mowbray is focussed in a single large development on the edge of the town it may be easier to plan for and fund the provision of new public transport infrastructure, such as new bus links to connect the development to Melton town centre and elsewhere. This approach would mean that potential funding sources for this type of infrastructure are focussed in one location, which may make its provision more viable. It may also be easier for residents of the new development to undertake day to day journeys on foot or by bicycle, if the jobs, services and facilities that they require are available onsite – this is more likely to be the case in a single large development. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: If development at Melton Mowbray is focussed in a few larger developments it may be easier to plan for and fund the provision of new public transport infrastructure such as new bus links to connect the developments to Melton town centre. This approach would mean that potential funding sources for this type of infrastructure are focussed in a small number of locations, although the funding would be more dispersed than under Option 1. It may also be easier for residents of the new developments to undertake day to day journeys on foot or by bicycle, if more of the jobs, services and facilities that they require are available onsite – this is more likely to be the case where there are a few larger developments although less likely than under Option 1. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: If development at Melton Mowbray is dispersed around the town it may be more difficult to plan for and fund the provision of new public transport infrastructure such as new bus links to connect the developments to Melton Mowbray town centre. Effects are therefore likely to depend a</p>

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				<p>lot on the proximity of the development sites that come forward to existing public transport links, which is not yet known. Depending on the location of the dispersed development sites, it may also be more difficult for residents of the new development to undertake day to day journeys on foot or by bicycle, if the jobs, services and facilities that they require are located further afield rather than being available onsite within a larger self-contained development. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely over the short, medium and long term, with effects depending largely on the location of the development sites.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	0	0	0	<p>The distribution of development around Melton Mowbray will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. While new development is likely to stimulate the Borough's economy by encouraging inward investment, this effect will be determined by the quantum of development rather than its location and so will be the same for all of the options for the distribution of development around Melton Mowbray. A negligible effect is therefore expected over the short, medium and long term for all options.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--?	--?	-?	<p>Option 1: The effects of this option on the landscape will depend largely on the location of the single large development (large-scale development site options, including those around Melton Mowbray, have been appraised separately, including in relation to their effects on the landscape). However, all of the large-scale site options have been identified as having potentially significant negative effects. The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study has examined the sensitivity of the landscape around Melton Mowbray and in most areas it was found to be of medium-high overall sensitivity to development although the landscape character zones on the western edge of the town were slightly less sensitive, being classed as medium or medium-low sensitivity. Therefore, while effects on this objective will depend to some extent on the location of the large-scale development, it may be difficult to bring forward a single large-scale development in any location around the edge of Melton Mowbray without having negative effects on the quality and character of the landscape. It would be more difficult to integrate large-scale development into the landscape and to incorporate mitigation, in comparison to smaller development sites. If development were to come forward to the north east or south east of the town, the Areas of Separation that are located in those areas may be affected, which could potentially lead to settlement coalescence due to the likely scale of the development. Therefore a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the location and design of the site eventually selected. It is</p>

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				<p>also noted that focussing development in one location would help to avoid effects on the landscape elsewhere. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: The effects of this option on the landscape will depend largely on the location of the few larger developments). However, it is assumed that the small number of larger developments would come forward on the edge of the town, and the large-scale site options around Melton Mowbray which have been appraised separately have all been identified as having potential significant negative effects. The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study has examined the sensitivity of the landscape around Melton Mowbray - in most areas it was found to be of medium-high overall sensitivity to development although the landscape character zones on the western edge of the town were slightly less sensitive, being classed as medium or medium-low sensitivity. Therefore, while effects on this objective will depend to some extent on the location of the few larger-scale developments, it may be difficult to bring forward large-scale developments in any location around the edge of Melton Mowbray without having negative effects on the quality and character of the landscape. It would be more difficult to integrate larger-scale development into the landscape and to incorporate mitigation, in comparison to smaller development sites. If development were to come forward to the north east or south east of the town, the Areas of Separation that are located in those areas may be affected, which could potentially lead to settlement coalescence due to the likely scale of the development. Therefore a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the location and design of the sites eventually selected. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: The effects of this option on the landscape will depend largely on the location of the dispersed development sites and their proximity to the areas of highest landscape sensitivity. Dispersed development may be slightly more easily integrated into the landscape due to its smaller size, in comparison to a single larger development site (Option 1) or a small number of fairly large developments (Option 2). The Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study has examined the sensitivity of the landscape around Melton Mowbray and in most areas it was found to be of medium-high overall sensitivity to development although the landscape character zones on the western edge of the town were slightly less sensitive, being classed as medium or medium-low sensitivity. Therefore, development on the edge of the town may be particularly likely to have adverse impacts on the landscape – under this option, some development may be more easily integrated into the existing built up area due to the smaller size of sites, in comparison to Options 1 and 2 which are likely to require sites on the edge of town due to their larger size. However, there may be cumulative effects from the development sites. Therefore, while effects on this objective will depend to some extent on the location of the dispersed development, a minor negative effect may occur. It is also noted that this approach would mean that a higher number of landscape character areas could be affected, as opposed to focussing development in one</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	--?	-?	<p>or just a few areas. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 1: The effects of this option on biodiversity and geodiversity will depend largely on the location of the single large development (large-scale development site options, including those around Melton Mowbray, have been appraised separately, including in relation to their effects on biodiversity and geodiversity and all were found to have either minor or significant negative effects on biodiversity). While there are designated biodiversity sites and known biodiversity features on all sides of Melton Mowbray, these are particularly concentrated on the western and northern sides of the town. The west is particularly constrained in relation to Local Wildlife Sites which may be affected by development. However, the principle of bringing forward a single large development is likely to result in the loss of large areas of greenfield land which may be valuable habitat, and the scale of disruption that could affect habitats and species in a single location would be larger scale. Therefore, a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the location of the site eventually selected and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term. It is also noted that it may be possible to mitigate effects and to incorporate biodiversity enhancements into the new development, for example by incorporating green infrastructure.</p> <p>Option 2: The effects of this option on biodiversity and geodiversity will depend largely on the location of the few larger developments. While there are designated biodiversity sites and known biodiversity features on all sides of Melton Mowbray, these are particularly concentrated on the western and northern sides of the town. The west is particularly constrained in relation to Local Wildlife Sites which may be affected by development. However, the principle of bringing forward a small number of larger developments is likely to result in the combined loss of large areas of greenfield land which may be valuable habitat, and the scale of disruption that could affect habitats and species in just a few locations would be large. However, the disruption would be less concentrated than under Option 1. Therefore, a potential minor significant effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the location of the sites eventually selected and their proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term. It is also noted that it may be possible to mitigate effects and to incorporate biodiversity enhancements into the new developments, for example by incorporating green infrastructure.</p> <p>Option 3: The effects of this option on biodiversity and geodiversity will depend largely on the locations of the dispersed development in relation to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity sites in and around Melton. While there are designated biodiversity sites and known biodiversity features both in and around Melton Mowbray, these are particularly concentrated on the edges of the town and the existing built up areas are less constrained in relation to sensitive habitats and species.</p>

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				<p>Under this option, the developments coming forward would be smaller in scale so are less likely to come forward on the edge of the town only. Even though the location of the dispersed development is not yet known, in principle dispersed development is less likely to result in the loss of large areas of greenfield land which may be valuable habitat although there may be cumulative effects. It may also be slightly easier to accommodate at least some of the development on brownfield sites (although these can still harbour valuable biodiversity). Therefore, a potential minor negative effect is identified overall although this is uncertain depending on the location of the sites eventually selected and their proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term. It is also noted that it may be possible to mitigate effects and to incorporate biodiversity enhancements into the new development, for example by incorporating green infrastructure.</p>
<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	+/--?	+/--?	-?	<p>Option 1: The effects of this option on the historic environment will depend largely on the location of the single large development (large-scale development site options, including those around Melton Mowbray, have been appraised separately, including in relation to their effects on cultural heritage and most were found to have either minor or significant negative effects on cultural heritage). The edges of Melton Mowbray are relatively unconstrained by designated heritage features, which are mainly concentrated in the centre of the town. Therefore, a large-scale development on the edge of the town may steer development away from the more sensitive town centre where there are a number of listed buildings. However, there are still heritage features on the edges of the town that could be adversely affected by development including two Scheduled Monuments (Sysonby Grange and a Medieval Settlement) on the north western and south eastern edges of the town respectively. Bringing forward a single large-scale development would mean that any such effects would be concentrated in one location and the scale of impacts on any given heritage asset may be particularly large. However, effects will depend mainly on the specific location and design of the development and it may be possible to incorporate mitigation, or to even enhance the setting of nearby heritage features through high quality design. Therefore, an overall mixed (minor positive and potential significant negative) effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the site eventually selected and the design and layout of the development. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: The effects of this option on the historic environment will depend largely on the location of the few large developments in relation to areas that are sensitive in terms of cultural heritage. The edges of Melton Mowbray are relatively unconstrained by designated heritage features, which are mainly concentrated in the centre of the town. Therefore, larger-scale developments, which are likely to come forward on the edge of the town, may steer development away from the more sensitive town centre where there are a number of listed buildings. However, there are still heritage features on the edges of the town that could be adversely affected by development including two Scheduled</p>

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				<p>Monuments (Sysonby Grange and a Medieval Settlement) on the north western and south eastern edges of the town respectively. Bringing forward a small number of larger-scale developments would mean that any such effects would be concentrated in a small number of locations and the scale of impacts on any given heritage asset may be particularly large (although this effect would be less pronounced than under Option 1). However, effects will depend mainly on the specific location and design of the developments and it may be possible to incorporate mitigation, or to even enhance the setting of nearby heritage features through high quality design. Therefore, an overall mixed (minor positive and potential significant negative) effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the sites eventually selected and the design and layout of the developments. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: The effects of this option on the historic environment will depend largely on the locations of the dispersed development in relation to areas that are sensitive in terms of cultural heritage. The centre of Melton Mowbray is more constrained by designated heritage features than the edges of the town. Therefore, dispersed development, which is more likely to come forward at least in part within the existing urban area, rather than on the edge of town, is more likely to affect those features. However, it would also mean that any such effects on heritage assets would be less concentrated than under Options 1 and 2 and the scale of impacts on any given heritage asset may be much smaller. However, effects will depend mainly on the specific location and design of the dispersed developments and it may be possible to incorporate mitigation, or to even enhance the setting of nearby heritage features through high quality design. Therefore, an overall minor negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the sites eventually selected and the design and layout of the developments. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.</p>	--?	--?	-?	<p>Development around Melton Mowbray is likely to result in the same total level of land take, regardless of whether a single large site is developed or a higher number of smaller developments are brought forward. Therefore, effects on this objective will depend largely on the location of the single large-scale development in relation to areas of higher quality agricultural land and the Minerals Consultation Areas around Melton Mowbray (large-scale development site options, including those around Melton Mowbray, have been appraised separately, including in relation to their effects on the efficient use of land and minerals).</p> <p>Agricultural land quality around Melton Mowbray is generally high - to the north west, north east and south east of the town there are areas of Grade 2 land and elsewhere the land is mainly Grade 3 (it is not known if it is Grade 3a or 3b). Land quality is lowest directly to the east and west of the town centre, where it is classed as Grade 4. There are also two Minerals Consultation Areas on the eastern and western edges of the town centre.</p>

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				<p>Option 1: The principle of bringing forward a single large-scale development in any location around the edge of the town is likely to result in the loss of a large area of high quality agricultural land, although if the development could be located in an area of lower quality land this could help to steer development away from areas of higher land quality elsewhere. However, there are two Minerals Consultation Areas on the eastern and western sides of Melton Mowbray (which are the areas of lower quality agricultural land); therefore large-scale development in those areas could result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. This shows that it would be difficult to bring forward large-scale development in any location around the edge of Melton Mowbray without having negative effects in relation to either the efficient use of land or mineral resources. Therefore, a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the site eventually selected. It is also noted that it may be possible to avoid negative effects on mineral resources through prior extraction. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: The principle of bringing forward a small number of larger-scale development in any location (such development is likely to be around the edge of the town) is likely to result in the loss of a large area of high quality agricultural land, although if the developments could be located in an area of lower quality land this could help to steer development away from areas of higher land quality elsewhere. However, there are two Minerals Consultation Areas on the eastern and western sides of Melton Mowbray (which are the areas of lower quality agricultural land); therefore large-scale development in those areas could result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. This shows that it would be difficult to bring forward a small number of larger-scale developments in any location around Melton Mowbray without having negative effects in relation to either the efficient use of land or mineral resources. Therefore, a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the sites eventually selected. It is also noted that it may be possible to avoid negative effects on mineral resources through prior extraction. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: The principle of bringing forward dispersed development, rather than one or a small number of larger sites, may be less likely to have a negative effect on the loss of high quality agricultural land and the sterilisation of minerals as it may be more easily accommodated on brownfield land or within the existing urban area (at least to some extent) in comparison to a smaller number of larger developments. However, there is still likely to be some loss of agricultural land, due to the extent of high quality land within the Borough. A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified although this is uncertain depending on the eventual location of the dispersed development. This effect would be the same over the short, medium and long term.</p>
9. To promote social	++/-	++/-?	+/-	Option 1: Bringing forward development at Melton Mowbray in a single large-scale development

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inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.				<p>would make it easier to co-ordinate the provision of services and facilities within the new development, as the investment would be focussed in one location. Co-locating residential development with new services and facilities would help to ensure that people are easily able to access those facilities, including those without a car. However, the risk of existing nearby services and facilities becoming overloaded is also likely to be increased as there would be a higher level of population growth focussed in one area. While the new community created at a single large development site is likely to operate as a thriving self-contained community in its own right, it may also be largely separate from the rest of Melton Mowbray, although residents nearby may also be able to make use of the new services and facilities there. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive and minor negative) is therefore likely.</p> <p>Option 2: Bringing forward development at Melton Mowbray in a small number of larger-scale developments would make it easier to co-ordinate the provision of services and facilities within the new development, as the investment would be focussed in fewer locations. Co-locating residential development with new services and facilities would help to ensure that people are easily able to access those facilities, including those without a car. However, the risk of existing nearby services and facilities becoming overloaded is also likely to be increased as there would be a higher level of population growth focussed in a small number of areas. While the new communities created at a small number of fairly large development sites are likely to operate relatively self-contained communities, they may also be largely separate from the rest of Melton Mowbray, although residents nearby may also be able to make use of the new services and facilities there. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive and minor negative) is therefore likely.</p> <p>Option 3: Bringing forward development at Melton Mowbray in a dispersed pattern would make it more difficult to co-ordinate the provision of services and facilities within the new development, as the investment would be dispersed between multiple locations. This may mean that services and facilities are less easily accessible, depending on the location of the dispersed development in relation to existing services and facilities. However, the risk of existing nearby services and facilities becoming overloaded is also likely to be reduced in comparison to Options 1 and 2 as the population growth would be dispersed in different areas. Overall a mixed effect (minor positive and minor negative) is therefore likely.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	+	+?	-	<p>Option 1: Bringing forward a single large-scale development on the edge of Melton Mowbray is likely to help stimulate the provision of new services and facilities by focussing investment in one location and allowing a co-ordinated approach to meeting the needs of the new residents. This would help to reduce the deprivation and exclusion that can otherwise occur as a result of poor levels of access. The development should also result in the creation of a balanced and integrated new community, with</p>

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inclusion.				<p>services and facilities provided alongside housing to meet the needs of the growing population. A minor positive effect is therefore likely overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: The development of a small number of larger sites at Melton Mowbray may help to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities by focussing investment in fewer locations and allowing a reasonably co-ordinated approach to meeting the needs of the new residents. This would help to reduce the deprivation and exclusion that can otherwise occur as a result of poor levels of access. The developments may also result in the creation of rounded new communities, with services and facilities provided alongside housing to meet the needs of the growing population. However, these potential positive effects are less likely to occur than than under Option 1 which would involve only one large-scale development site. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing development in numerous locations at Melton Mowbray is less likely to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in comparison to Options 1 and 2 as investment and population growth would be distributed between numerous locations and there would not be a co-ordinated approach to meeting the needs of the new residents. This could mean that there is more likely to be instances of the deprivation and exclusion that can occur as a result of poor levels of access. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	<p>This option for the distribution of development at Melton Mowbray will not have a direct effect on community safety, crime and the fear of crime.</p> <p>Option 1: While a single large development may result in more people walking and cycling day to day, as sustainable transport infrastructure is more likely to be able to be integrated into a large-scale development, the safety of such road users would be influenced by the design and layout of the development and the behaviour of individuals. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: While a few larger developments may result in more people walking and cycling day to day, as sustainable transport infrastructure is more likely to be able to be integrated into a large-scale development, the safety of such road users would be influenced by the design and layout of the development and the behaviour of individuals. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: While widely distributed development may affect the number of people walking and cycling day to day, the safety of such road users would in any case be influenced by the design and layout of</p>

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				the development and the behaviour of individuals. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely over the short, medium and long term.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	+?	<p>New large-scale development will inevitably result in an increase in overall waste generation within Melton Borough, although household and commercial waste generation would not be influenced by the distribution of growth at Melton. Per capita waste generation would instead be influenced by factors such as people's behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems in the new development.</p> <p>Option 1: Bringing forward a single large-scale development site would mean that all of Melton Mowbray's development takes place on what is likely to be a greenfield site. This would mean that the opportunities that may otherwise exist to reuse buildings and materials on brownfield sites would not exist. A negligible effect is therefore likely overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: Bringing forward a small number of larger-scale development sites would mean that all of Melton Mowbray's development takes place on what is likely to be a small number of greenfield sites. This would mean that the opportunities that may otherwise exist to reuse buildings and materials on brownfield sites would not exist. A negligible effect is therefore likely overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing development widely around the town could mean that there are more opportunities to make use of brownfield sites in comparison to Options 1 and 2, and it may therefore be possible to reuse existing buildings and materials. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified, over the short, medium and long term.</p>
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	+	-	<p>The way in which development at Melton Mowbray is distributed will not have a direct effect on the provision of land and buildings for economic development, which will be determined by the overall quantum of development that takes place in the Borough.</p> <p>Option 1: Focussing development at Melton Mowbray within a single large site may help to reduce traffic congestion in the Borough by enabling more people to walk and cycle day to day as jobs, services and facilities are more likely to be able to be provided within a larger, more self-contained settlement. This is particularly likely to be beneficial in Melton Mowbray where there are existing congestion issues, with a number of junctions already known to be over capacity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: Focussing development at Melton Mowbray within a small number of larger sites may help</p>

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				<p>to reduce traffic congestion in the Borough by enabling more people to walk and cycle day to day as jobs, services and facilities are more likely to be able to be provided within larger, more self-contained developments. This is particularly likely to be beneficial in Melton Mowbray where there are existing congestion issues, with a number of junctions already known to be over capacity. However, the effects would be less likely in comparison to Option 1 where all of Melton Mowbray's growth would be focussed in a single development. A minor positive effect is therefore likely overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing development around the town may be more likely to result in an increase in traffic congestion as people may be less able to walk and cycle day to day as jobs, services and facilities are less likely to be provided in comparison to a self-contained larger development (Options 1 and 2). A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-	++/-	-/+	<p>Regardless of the distribution of growth around the town, development that is focussed at Melton Mowbray is likely to mean that access to existing healthcare facilities is relatively good as the majority of the existing GP surgeries, and the only hospital, are focussed in that part of the Borough.</p> <p>Option 1: Focussing development in a single large development on the edge of Melton Mowbray could result in particular increases in pressure on existing health services nearby, potentially resulting in those facilities becoming overloaded. However, it may also be easier to provide new facilities such as a health centre within the development if funding for such services and infrastructure is concentrated in a single location and the development is of a size to provide the critical mass required. It may also be easier for residents of the new development to undertake day to day journeys on foot or by bicycle, thereby increasing levels of physical activity, if more of the jobs, services and facilities that they require are available onsite – this is more likely to be the case in a single large development. Therefore, mixed effects (significant positive and minor negative) are likely for this SA objective over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: Focussing development in a small number of larger developments, which are likely to be on the edge of Melton Mowbray, could result in increases in pressure on existing health services nearby, potentially resulting in those facilities becoming overloaded. However, it may also be easier to provide new facilities such as a health centre within the developments if funding for such services and infrastructure is concentrated in a small number of locations and the developments are of a size to provide the critical mass required. It may also be easier for residents of the new developments to undertake day to day journeys on foot or by bicycle, thereby increasing levels of physical activity, if more of the jobs, services and facilities that they require are available onsite – this is more likely to be the case where development comes forward in a small number of larger developments. Therefore,</p>

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				<p>mixed effects (significant positive and minor negative) are likely for this SA objective over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: Distributing development widely around Melton Mowbray is less likely to result in increases in pressure on existing healthcare facilities in comparison to Options 1 and 2, which could lead to those facilities becoming overloaded. At the same time, it may also be more difficult to provide new facilities, such as a new health centre, as part of the developments if funding for such services and infrastructure is dispersed rather than being concentrated in a single location. It may also be more difficult for residents of the new developments to undertake day to day journeys on foot or by bicycle, thereby increasing levels of physical activity, if the jobs, services and facilities that they require are not available onsite – this is less likely to be the case where development is dispersed. Therefore, mixed effects (minor negative and minor positive) are likely for this SA objective over the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	++	++	-/+	<p>Large-scale development, regardless of its distribution, will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings and vehicle traffic.</p> <p>Option 1: The extent to which renewable energy may be incorporated into new development cannot be known at this stage, although it is noted that a single large-scale development may offer good opportunities for incorporating measures such as district heating networks. Bringing forward a single large-scale development site at Melton Mowbray could also help to reduce levels of car use amongst residents and employees at the site which would have indirect benefits for reducing traffic-related emissions and maintaining and improving local air quality, as a larger site is likely to be more self-contained, with jobs, services and facilities located alongside homes. Therefore, a potential significant positive effect on this objective is likely, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: The extent to which renewable energy may be incorporated into new development cannot be known at this stage, although it is noted that a small number of larger-scale developments may offer good opportunities for incorporating measures such as district heating networks (although less than under Option 1, where all of Melton Mowbray’s development would be concentrated in a single, particularly large, site). Bringing forward a small number of fairly large-scale development sites at Melton Mowbray could also help to reduce levels of car use amongst residents and employees at the sites which would have indirect benefits for reducing traffic-related emissions and maintaining and improving local air quality, as larger sites likely to be more self-contained, with jobs, services and facilities located alongside homes. Therefore, a potential significant positive effect on this objective is likely, over the short, medium and long term.</p>

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				<p>Option 3: The extent to which renewable energy may be incorporated into new development cannot be known at this stage, although it is noted that a single large-scale development may offer good opportunities for incorporating measures such as district heating networks. Distributing development around Melton Mowbray could mean that opportunities to reduce levels of car use amongst residents and employees are lost as a larger site (under Options 1 or 2) would be more likely to be self-contained, with jobs, services and facilities located alongside homes, in comparison to more widely distributed development. This could have indirect negative effects in terms of traffic-related emissions and local air quality. However, it may also be possible to locate more of the development in more central areas of the town where walking and cycling will be easier. Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect on this objective is likely, over the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>+/-?</p>	<p>While most of the periphery of Melton Mowbray is outside of flood zones 2 and 3, areas on the eastern and western edges of the town (around the River Eye) are within flood zone 3. There are also areas of higher flood risk around the Scalford Brook on the north eastern edge of the town.</p> <p>Option 1: If development at Melton Mowbray comes forward in a single large development, the effects on flood risk will depend largely on the location of the site selected in relation to areas of high flood risk (large-scale development site options, including those around Melton Mowbray, have been appraised separately, including in relation to their effects on flood risk). Regardless of the location of the large-scale development, this approach would result in the loss of a large area of greenfield land, concentrated in one location. The loss of permeable surfaces may result in reduced infiltration and increased runoff, which may increase flood risk in that area and elsewhere. However, it may be possible to incorporate mitigation measures such as SuDS and the incorporation of green infrastructure would also help to retain permeable surfaces within the site. It is also recognised that locating all of Melton Mowbray's development within one site, if it is outside of the areas of higher flood risk, would avoid development coming forward elsewhere in potentially higher risk areas. Therefore, while effects depend largely on the location and design of the development, this option could have a significant negative effect over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 2: If development at Melton Mowbray comes forward in a small number of fairly large developments, the effects on flood risk will depend largely on the location of the development sites in relation to areas of high flood risk. Regardless of the location of the large-scale development, this approach would result in the combined loss of a large area of greenfield land, concentrated in a small number of locations. The loss of permeable surfaces may result in reduced infiltration and increased runoff, which may increase flood risk in those areas and elsewhere. However, it may be possible to incorporate mitigation measures such as SuDS and the incorporation of green infrastructure would also help to retain permeable surfaces within the site. It is also recognised that locating Melton</p>

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				<p>Mowbray's development within a small number of sites, if they are outside of the areas of higher flood risk, would avoid development coming forward elsewhere in potentially higher risk areas. Therefore, while effects depend largely on the location and design of the developments, this option could have a significant negative effect over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Option 3: If development at Melton Mowbray is distributed around the town, the effects on flood risk will depend largely on the location of the sites selected in relation to areas of high flood risk. While most of the periphery of Melton Mowbray is outside of flood zones 2 and 3, areas on the eastern and western edges of the town (around the River Eye) are within flood zone 3. There are also areas of higher flood risk around the Scalford Brook on the north eastern edge of the town. In principle this option may be less likely than Options 1 and 2 to involve the development of a large area of greenfield land, which would result in the loss of permeable surfaces and could therefore increase flood risk, as development may be able to be accommodated to some extent on smaller brownfield sites within the existing built up area. However, dispersed development means that there is more chance of at least some of the development coming forward in high flood risk areas. Therefore, the likely effects of this option overall are mixed (minor positive and minor negative) and are uncertain depending on the location and design of the developments.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	?	?	?	<p>The overall quantum of development is likely to result in an increase in demand for water consumption; however this effect would result from the overall scale of development rather than its spatial distribution within and around the town. Levels of water consumption within new development would also depend on factors such as people's behaviour and the incorporation of water efficiency measures, which would not be affected by whether the development takes place in a single site or within a number of smaller developments.</p> <p>Effects on water quality will depend to some extent on the capacity of local sewage treatment works to accommodate the development, which is not yet known.</p> <p>Option 1: Focussing all of the growth at the town in one site on the edge of Melton Mowbray would help to steer development away from the SPZ in Melton Mowbray. If growth at Melton Mowbray comes forward in a single large-scale development site it may be easier to plan comprehensively for the development, with funding concentrated in one location. This could make the delivery of infrastructure (including any required improvements to sewage treatment works) easier. However, effects are largely uncertain until detailed proposals for the development, as well as information about capacity at STWs and any upgrades required, is known.</p> <p>Option 2: Focussing growth at the town in a small number of sites, which are likely to be located on</p>

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				<p>the edge of Melton Mowbray, would help to steer development away from the SPZ. If growth at Melton Mowbray comes forward in a small number of fairly large-scale development sites it may be easier to plan comprehensively for the development, with funding concentrated in only a few locations. This could make the delivery of infrastructure (including any required improvements to sewage treatment works) easier. However, effects are largely uncertain until detailed proposals for the developments, as well as information about capacity at STWs and any upgrades required, is known.</p> <p>Option 3: Dispersed development may be more likely to come forward at least to some extent within the existing built up area and therefore in closer proximity to the SPZ. If growth at Melton Mowbray comes forward in a dispersed pattern, it may also be more difficult than under Options 1 and 2 to plan comprehensively for the development, with funding dispersed instead of being concentrated in one or only a few locations. This could make the delivery of infrastructure (including any required improvements to sewage treatment works) more difficult. However, there is also less potential for STWs in a single location to become overloaded as a result of new development. Overall, effects are largely uncertain until detailed proposals for the developments, as well as information about capacity at STWs and any upgrades required, is known.</p>

Q9: Do you think that a large proportion of development in the Borough should be concentrated in a single, large, new settlement?

Option 1: Yes

This option has been subject to SA under Question 7 (Option 4) above.

Option 2: No

Options 1-3 under Question 7 above would equate to the 'no' option.

Q12: What do you think is the best approach to defining the roles of settlements in the form of a settlement hierarchy?

Option 1: Establish settlement roles and a hierarchy based on the size of communities and the level of services and facilities provided within them, resulting in development being directed towards the large communities with services and restricting development in smaller communities with limited or no services.

Option 2: Establish settlement roles and a hierarchy based on factors which in addition to individual roles recognise the relationships between communities e.g. hubs and satellites.

SA Objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+?	+/-?	Both of these options would involve delivering new housing to meet local needs. Under Option 1 it may be more likely that housing is developed within larger sites where affordable housing delivery is more viable, as the housing would be directed towards larger settlements. In contrast, under Option 2 there may be more housing in small villages (as long as they are located close to larger service centres), where housing sites may be smaller and affordable housing delivery less viable. Therefore, a potential minor positive effect is identified for Option 1 and a potential mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect for Option 2. Both are uncertain, however, and will depend on the specific location of the housing that eventually comes forward.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	+	Under Option 1 there is likely to be a significant positive effect on access to schools as new housing is likely to be delivered within towns and villages that include schools (it is assumed that schools would be among the services and facilities to be assessed as part of developing the settlement hierarchy). Option 2 would also involve locating new housing in areas where schools are accessible; however they may be in a nearby town or village rather than within the same settlement as the housing and therefore journeys may be longer in comparison to Option 1. A minor positive effect is therefore likely under that option. In both cases the positive effects are uncertain and will depend on capacity at schools to accommodate new pupils.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve	++	-	Under Option 1 there is likely to be a significant positive effect on sustainable transport as new housing is likely to be delivered within towns and villages that include a good range of services

SA Objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
<p>accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>			<p>and facilities within close proximity. This should mean that day to day journeys are shorter and more easily able to be undertaken on foot or by bicycle. It is also likely that housing would be directed to larger settlements where public transport links are likely to be better.</p> <p>Option 2 would involve locating new housing in areas where services and facilities are accessible, but they may be in a nearby town or village rather than within the same settlement as the housing and therefore journeys may be longer in comparison to Option 1 and levels of car use higher. It is also likely that some housing would be directed to smaller settlements where public transport links are likely to be poor. A potential minor negative effect is therefore likely under that option.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	0	0	<p>Neither of the options for defining settlement roles would have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	?	?	<p>The likely effects of both options on this SA objective are uncertain and will depend on the design and location of the development that eventually comes forward. While more development may come forward in smaller settlements under Option 2, which could mean that impacts on the landscape are more likely as it may be more difficult to screen new development, this will depend on the character and sensitivity of the landscape in that area and cannot be assumed.</p>
<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	?	?	<p>The likely effects of both options on this SA objective are uncertain and will depend on the design and location of the development that eventually comes forward.</p>
<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	?	?	<p>The likely effects of both options on this SA objective are uncertain and will depend on the design and location of the development that eventually comes forward.</p>
<p>8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.</p>	?	?	<p>The likely effects of both options on this SA objective are uncertain and will depend on the design and location of the development that eventually comes forward.</p>

SA Objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	+?	<p>Under Option 1 there is likely to be a significant positive effect on access to services and facilities as new housing would be steered to the towns and villages that provide the best levels of access – the settlement hierarchy would be determined on the basis of an assessment of services and facilities at each town/village.</p> <p>Option 2 would also involve locating new housing in areas where services and facilities are accessible; however they may be in a nearby town or village rather than within the same settlement as the housing and therefore journeys may be longer in comparison to Option 1. Allowing for some development in smaller villages also offers opportunities for them to meet their own needs which will help to promote social inclusion and cohesion. A minor rather than significant positive effect is therefore likely under that option.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	+/-	<p>Under Option 1 there is likely to be a positive effect on reducing social deprivation as new housing development would be steered to the towns and villages that provide the best levels of access to services and facilities which will help to ensure that people, particularly those without a car, do not experience isolation.</p> <p>Option 2 would also involve locating new housing in areas where services and facilities are accessible; however they may be in a nearby town or village rather than within the same settlement as the housing and therefore journeys may be longer in comparison to Option 1. People without access to a car may experience isolation, particularly if public transport links are limited which may well be the case in smaller villages. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely under Option 2.</p>
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither of the options for defining settlement roles would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	0	Neither of the options for defining settlement roles would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	Neither of the options for defining settlement roles would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	++	+/-	Under Option 1 there is likely to be a positive effect on access to healthcare facilities as new housing is likely to be delivered within towns and villages that include GP surgeries (it is

SA Objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
prolong life.			<p>assumed that healthcare facilities would be among the services and facilities to be assessed as part of developing the settlement hierarchy). It is also likely that more people would be able to walk and cycle day to day as housing would be located closer to key services and facilities.</p> <p>Option 2 would also involve locating new housing in areas where GPs are accessible; however they may be in a nearby town or village rather than within the same settlement as the housing and therefore journeys may be longer in comparison to Option 1. Opportunities to walk and cycle day to day are also likely to be more limited as people are more likely to need to travel between settlements. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely under that option.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	-	<p>The effects of new development on greenhouse gas emissions will depend on factors such as the design of the development. The location of the development will influence this SA objective by determining the likely levels of car use amongst residents.</p> <p>Under Option 1 there is likely to be a significant positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport as new housing is likely to be delivered within towns and villages that include a good range of services and facilities within close proximity. This should mean that day to day journeys are shorter and more easily able to be undertaken on foot or by bicycle. It is also likely that housing would be directed to larger settlements where public transport links are likely to be better.</p> <p>Option 2 would involve locating new housing in areas where services and facilities are accessible, but they may be in a nearby town or village rather than within the same settlement as the housing and therefore journeys may be longer in comparison to Option 1 and levels of car use higher. It is also likely that some housing would be directed to smaller settlements where public transport links are likely to be poor. A potential minor negative effect is therefore likely under that option.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	0	Neither of the options for defining settlement roles would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	0	Neither of the options for defining settlement roles would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Q14: What do you think is the best approach for achieving a housing mix that is suited to current and future housing needs?

Option 1: Continue with the current approach of ensuring all housing provision meets specifically identified housing needs, as identified by evidence such as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

Option 2: Consider housing mix on a site by site basis, in conjunction with a site size threshold.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	++	+	Both options would have a positive effect on this SA objective as both would seek to deliver a mix of housing types within new residential developments. Option 1 is likely to have a significant positive effect as it would involve following the current approach which has been proven successful in delivering a mix of housing and addressing demand for more smaller and single storey dwellings. It would require all provision to meet the specific needs identified in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Option 2 would have a minor rather than significant positive effect because although it would involve requiring some element of housing mix, there would be more flexibility meaning that a suitable mix may be less likely to be delivered, particularly where viability would be affected.
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport,	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.			
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
growth.			
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	Neither of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Q61: What policy approach should the Local Plan take to achieving a high quality design in the Borough?

Option 1: Set out an over-arching design policy for the whole Borough applicable to any part of the Borough?

Option 2: Set specific design criteria for specific locations and specify design criteria for each of the site allocations within the Local Plan?

Option 3: Allow local communities to develop design guidance for their villages?

Option 4: A combination of options 1, 2 or 3 (this option has not been subject to SA as the effects would be a combination of the effects of whichever options are combined).

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.				
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	++	++	<p>Policy Option 1 is likely to have a minor positive effect on the landscape as it would set out criteria for design applying to the whole Borough which would go some way towards achieving high quality design and therefore enhancing the Borough's appearance. However, this approach would not allow for the consideration of the specific characteristics of smaller areas.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is likely to result from Policy Option 2 as setting detailed design criteria relevant to specific locations would allow for addressing the particular characteristics of different areas of the Borough. This would have particularly positive effects in terms of ensuring that the design of new development protects and where possible enhances the quality and character of its surroundings.</p> <p>Option 3 is similar to Option 2 in that it would allow for reflecting local characteristics when setting design guidance. As such, a significant positive effect is also identified on this SA objective.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	A design policy could have a positive effect on the historic environment if it includes relevant criteria, e.g. specifying that development must protect or enhance historical assets and their settings in Melton. However, the criteria that would be included within such a policy under all three options are not yet known and so a negligible effect is recorded at this stage.
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
economic inclusion.				
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	Any of the policy options could have a positive effect on this SA objective if the eventual policy addresses the issue of crime within the policy criteria, for example it could require developments to design out crime through including lighting, natural surveillance and defensible space. A negligible effect is recorded at this stage, however, as the specific criteria that would be included within such a policy under all three options are not known at this stage.
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	0	Any of the policy options could have a positive effect on this SA objective if the eventual policy addresses the issue of climate change within the policy criteria, for example by encouraging new developments to incorporate low carbon technologies and renewable energy generation. A negligible effect is recorded at this stage, however, as the specific design criteria that would be included within such a policy under all three options are not known at this stage.

Q63: How should the Local Plan address gateways and through routes of Melton Mowbray?

Option 1: Include a specific policy which deals with gateways and through routes to Melton Mowbray Town Centre

Option 2: Deal with gateways and through routes to Melton Mowbray Town Centre in an overarching design policy covering all types of developments?

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging	+	0	Improving the appearance of gateways into Melton Mowbray could encourage walking and cycling by improving routes for those users. Option 1 would have a minor positive effect because a specific policy in the Local Plan would address this issue. Under Option 2 there would be no specific policy; however negative effects are not expected as other generic design policies would still apply. A negligible effect is therefore likely.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.			
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	+	0	Improving the appearance of gateways into Melton Mowbray could enhance the overall impression of the town for visitors, boosting the tourism economy, and encourage investment. Option 1 would have a minor positive effect because a specific policy in the Local Plan would address this issue. Under Option 2 there would be no specific policy; however negative effects are not expected as other generic design policies would still apply. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	0	Policy Option 1 would involve having a specific policy addressing gateways and through routes to Melton Mowbray in the Local Plan – this would help to improve the quality of the built environment in the town and therefore benefit the setting of heritage assets. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. Under Option Under Option 2 there would be no specific policy; however negative effects are not expected as other generic design policies would still apply. A negligible effect is therefore likely.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
growth.			
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

Q68: How should village envelopes be taken forward through the Local Plan?

Option 1: To review all the existing village envelopes and adjust them through the Local Plan process.

Option 2: Have defined envelopes for specific villages as a tool to limit development and have the criteria based approach in villages where development would be encouraged in accordance with the spatial strategy for the Borough.

Option 3: Not have defined town or village envelopes, and have a detailed policy setting out criteria for use in assessing each proposal on its merits using criteria.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	+/-	+/-	+/-	<p>Option 1 would involve applying village envelopes for all existing villages which have a defined envelope – this could result in housing development being restricted unnecessarily if over time circumstances change such that the envelope defined in the Local Plan is no longer appropriate. However, the approach would mean that there is clarity about the areas in which housing is in principle appropriate which could assist in the delivery of developments proposed in those areas. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Conversely under Option 3 village envelopes would not be defined but criteria would instead be used to determine applications. This would allow for more flexibility to respond to changes over time in terms of where development is appropriate, but would also provide less clarity for applicants. Again a mixed effect is therefore likely.</p>

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
				Option 2 would be a hybrid approach whereby an envelope is defined for some villages (as with Option 1) but for other villages a criteria-based approach would be taken (as with Option 2). Mixed effects on housing delivery are therefore also likely for this option, for the reasons described above.
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	?	?	+	The options could affect this objective by determining the extent to which access to sustainable transport influences the location of housing developments. If this issue is taken into consideration when defining villages envelopes under Options 1 and 2 there would be positive effects but this is not yet known therefore effects are currently uncertain. Under Option 3 it is indicated that access to sustainable infrastructure (taken to include sustainable transport links) would be one of the criteria used to determine the suitability of applications; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing congestion within Melton Mowbray.	?	?	+	The options could affect this objective by determining the extent to which access to sustainable transport influences the location of housing developments. If this issue is taken into consideration when defining villages envelopes under Options 1 and 2 there would be positive effects on access to services but this is not yet known therefore effects are currently uncertain. Under Option 3 it is indicated that access to sustainable infrastructure (taken to include sustainable transport links) would be one of the criteria used to determine the suitability of applications; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
business formation				
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	++/-	++/-	++/-	<p>Defining village envelopes should be an effective way of ensuring that development does not take place in inappropriate locations where there would be adverse impacts on the landscape and local character and providing a good level of clarity about where developments will and won't be appropriate. However, this doesn't allow for flexibility over time and could result in the defined village envelopes becoming out of date. Therefore a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely for Option 1.</p> <p>Under Option 3 a criteria-based approach would be taken to determining applications, with several of the proposed criteria relating to the natural environment and landscape character; for example developments would not be permitted if they would result in settlement coalescence or would have an adverse impact on the character of the countryside. This approach would allow for more flexibility over time although it may be less effective than defined village envelopes in terms of ensuring that development consistently takes place in appropriate locations. Therefore a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely for Option 3.</p> <p>Option 2 would be a hybrid approach whereby an envelope is defined for some villages (as with Option 1) but for other villages a criteria-based approach would be taken (as with Option 2). Mixed effects on the natural environment are therefore also likely for this option, for the reasons described above.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+/-	+/-	+/-	<p>Defining village envelopes should be an effective way of ensuring that development does not take place in inappropriate locations where there would be adverse impacts on the character of the surroundings, which can otherwise have a negative effect on the historic environment, and providing a good level of clarity about where developments will and won't be appropriate. However, this doesn't allow for flexibility over time and could result in the defined village envelopes becoming out of date. Therefore a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely for Option 1.</p> <p>Under Option 3 a criteria-based approach would be taken to determining applications, with one of the proposed criteria being that proposals must respect archaeological features. Development proposals must also be in keeping with their surroundings which will help to avoid negative effects on the setting of heritage assets. This approach would allow for more flexibility over time although it may</p>

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
				<p>be less effective than defined village envelopes in terms of ensuring that development consistently takes place in appropriate locations. Therefore a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is also likely for Option 3.</p> <p>Option 2 would be a hybrid approach whereby an envelope is defined for some villages (as with Option 1) but for other villages a criteria-based approach would be taken (as with Option 2). Mixed effects on the historic environment are therefore also likely for this option, for the reasons described above.</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	+?	+	Under Option 3 it is specified that one of the issues to be included in a criteria-based policy for determining applications is whether a proposal would result in the loss of high quality agricultural land and if this is the case, development would not be permitted. A minor positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this option as well as Option 2, where a criteria-based approach would be taken for some villages. The effects of Option 1 are uncertain depending on whether this issue (the efficient use of land) is taken into account when determining village envelopes. Because envelopes would also be defined for some villages under Option 2, there is also some uncertainty attached to that option.
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To minimise waste and increase the	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
re-use and recycling of waste materials				
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0	None of the options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	?	?	+	The options could affect this objective by determining the extent to which people are likely to be able to make use of public transport, reducing emissions from cars. If this issue is taken into consideration when defining villages envelopes under Options 1 and 2 there would be positive effects on access to services but this is not yet known therefore effects are currently uncertain. Under Option 3 it is indicated that access to sustainable infrastructure (taken to include sustainable transport links) would be one of the criteria used to determine the suitability of applications; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

Q72: Should the Local Plan contain a policy on housing density?

Option 1: Set local density standards, with broad density ranges for different areas of the Borough.

Option 2: Ensure, on a site by site basis, that development achieves the optimum level of density appropriate to the sites location, context, infrastructure and public transport accessibility.

Option 3: Set out densities for each allocated site and a series of criteria against which to assess unallocated sites.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing	+	+/-	+/-	The density of housing developments can affect this objective by influencing the overall quality of a development and the standard of the living environment, and also by influencing the type of housing that is able to be delivered.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.				<p>Policy Option 1 would define broad density ranges for different areas of the Borough and so it would take into account locally specific circumstances to some extent but not at the very local (site) level. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Policy Option 2 involves determining the optimum housing density on a site by site basis which would help to ensure the viability of the development and encourage housing delivery. However, stipulating the optimum housing density may conflict with the housing needs of a local community in terms of the type of housing delivered. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>Similarly to Option 2, Option 3 is likely to have mixed effects on this SA objective as it will tailor housing density ranges at the site level, although in this case only for allocated sites.</p>
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	+	+?	<p>Policy Option 2 involves determining appropriate housing densities on a site by site basis and one of the factors to be taken into account is existing public transport provision and infrastructure. This should help to ensure that the transport network is not overloaded and that opportunities for people to use sustainable transport to access jobs are maximised. A minor positive effect is therefore identified on this SA objective for that option.</p> <p>Option 1 would have a negligible effect on this objective as setting broad densities for different areas of the Borough wouldn't allow for consideration of locally specific issues such as the transport network around an individual site. Option 3 could have a minor positive effect if transport considerations apply when identifying an appropriate range for allocated sites, and if this is included in the criteria to apply to unallocated sites; however this is currently uncertain.</p>
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport,	0	+	+?	<p>Policy Option 2 involves determining appropriate housing densities on a site by site basis and one of the factors to be taken into account is existing public transport provision and infrastructure. This should help to ensure that the transport network is not overloaded and that opportunities for people to use sustainable transport are maximised, reducing congestion. A minor positive effect is therefore identified on this SA objective for that option.</p> <p>Option 1 would have a negligible effect on this objective as setting broad densities for different areas</p>

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.				of the Borough wouldn't allow for consideration of locally specific issues such as the transport network around an individual site. Option 3 could have a minor positive effect if transport considerations apply when identifying an appropriate range for allocated sites, and if this is included in the criteria to apply to unallocated sites; however this is currently uncertain.
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	+	++	+	<p>By setting broad density standards for different areas of the borough, Policy Option 1 is expected to have a positive effect on this objective as those standards should take into account the landscape capacity of different areas within Melton and therefore contribute to protecting local character and distinctiveness. The positive effect is expected to be minor rather than significant, however, as setting broad density ranges does not allow for considering the context of individual sites at the very local level.</p> <p>Policy Option 2 would go further, taking into account the local context when considering the optimum housing density at individual sites and therefore should be even more effective in terms of protecting the landscape from potential adverse impacts of housing developments. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve setting out densities for each allocated site and using criteria to identify appropriate densities on unallocated sites. This option is similar to Option 2 in that it would allow for the specific circumstances of individual sites to be considered, but only in relation to allocated sites. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
environment, heritage assets and their settings.				
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	?	?	?	Higher housing density represents more efficient use of land. Therefore, the effects of all options on this SA objective are uncertain as they will depend on the specific standards that would be set under each approach.
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
14. To provide the necessary physical	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.				
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

Q73: The Borough Council currently relies on the NPPF for guidance on heritage assets when determining planning applications. How should the new Melton Borough Local Plan consider Heritage Assets?

Option 1: Individual policies addressing historic landscapes, archaeological sites, Listed Buildings and their settings and conservation areas.

Option 2: A single policy regarding the protection of all heritage assets and to retain Conservation Areas as set out in the current Melton Borough Local Plan.

Option 3: Continue to rely on the detail contained within the NPPF and National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG)

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
2. To make efficient use of transport	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.				
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
meet the need of the community				
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	+	0	<p>A significant positive effect is likely for Policy Option 1 as providing specific detail in specific policies addressing historic landscapes, archeologically sites, Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas would go a long way towards helping to conserve and even enhance Melton's heritage assets.</p> <p>Policy Option 2 is likely to have a minor positive as a single policy protecting all types of heritage assets would still help to ensure that Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings are protected and where possible enhanced; however effects may be less significant where a single generic policy for all types of heritage assets is used.</p> <p>A negligible effect is likely on Policy Option 3 as the absence of a policy is unlikely to affect this SA objective – while opportunities to bring about more positive effects would be missed, negative effects are not expected as guidance in the NPPF relating to the historic environment would still apply.</p>
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
community facilities across the Borough				
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy	0	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Justification
generated from renewables.				

Q77: How should the Local Plan ensure a range of appropriate uses are provided for in the Town Centre to ensure its offer, viability and vitality is maintained?

Option 1: Include a policy or policies which within the Town Centre restricts any continuous frontages (primary or secondary) to specific uses and concentrations of single uses.

Option 2: Adopt a more flexible approach considering each proposal on its merits and its ability to add to the offer, vitality and viability of the Town Centre?

SA objective	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objective	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	-?	+	Under Option 1, town centre uses along continuous frontages would be restricted to specific uses – this approach could result in high vacancy rates if demand for those uses is low. This would have a negative effect on the economy and business formation. Under Option 2 there would be more flexibility to consider proposals individually, seeking to increase the range of business in the town centre and benefitting vitality allowing for market forces to be responded to.
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	-?	+	Under Option 1, town centre uses along continuous frontages would be restricted to specific uses – this approach could result in high vacancy rates if demand for those uses is low. This would have a negative effect on the associated jobs. Under Option 2 there would be more flexibility to consider proposals individually, seeking to increase the range of business in the town centre and benefitting job creation allowing for market forces to be responded to.
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objective	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	-?	+	Under Option 1, town centre uses along continuous frontages would be restricted to specific uses – this approach could result in high vacancy rates if demand for those uses is low. This would have a negative effect on the range of facilities available for local people. Under Option 2 there would be more flexibility to consider proposals individually, seeking to increase the range of business in the town centre and resulting in people having access to a wider range of services in central locations.
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	-?	+	Under Option 1, town centre uses along continuous frontages would be restricted to specific uses – this approach could result in high vacancy rates if demand for those uses is low. This would have a negative effect on the associated jobs and therefore poverty and exclusion. Under Option 2 there would be more flexibility to consider proposals individually, seeking to increase the range of business in the town centre and benefitting job creation allowing for market forces to be responded to.
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objective	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
materials			
14. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

Q79: How should the Local Plan deal with proposals for equestrian related development in the rural area?

Option 1: *By relying on general policies that cover development in rural areas?*

Option 2: *A specific policy to cover the development of all stables and equestrian activity?*

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
2. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services to ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
3. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
4. To improve social inclusion by increasing the accessibility of services through the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and reducing reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
5. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation	-?	+/-?	<p>Option 1 would involve relying on general rural development policies in the Local Plan when assessing applications for equestrian facilities. This could mean that there is a less clear framework for applicants considering this type of proposal which could hinder the development of appropriate proposals which can otherwise benefit the rural economy. However, general rural development policies should still provide some guidance. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>Under option 2 a specific policy would be included in the Local Plan addressing equestrian development proposals.</p>

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
			This would provide a clearer framework for applicants considering this type of proposal and may mean that appropriate applications are more likely to be successful, to the benefit of the rural economy. However, this approach may also result in more restrictive criteria applying, hindering equestrian developments. A potential but uncertain mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore identified in relation to the rural economy and new business formation.
6. To promote high quality employment opportunities that meet the need of the community	-?	+/-?	<p>The development of new equestrian facilities would result in job creation although the number of associated jobs is likely to be small.</p> <p>Option 1 would involve relying on general rural development policies in the Local Plan when assessing applications for equestrian facilities. This could mean that there is a less clear framework for applicants considering this type of proposal which could hinder the development of appropriate proposals which can otherwise benefit rural job creation. However, general rural development policies should still provide some guidance. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>Under option 2 a specific policy would be included in the Local Plan addressing equestrian development proposals. This would provide a clearer framework for applicants considering this type of proposal and may mean that appropriate applications are more likely to be successful, to the benefit of job creation. However, this approach may also result in more restrictive criteria applying, hindering equestrian developments. A potential but uncertain mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore identified in relation to employment generation.</p>
7. To protect the natural environment, increase biodiversity levels and enhance multifunctional green infrastructure across the Borough	0	+	<p>Option 1 would involve relying on other rural development policies in the Local Plan and not including a policy specifically relating to equestrian development. This would mean that opportunities to address the potential for adverse impacts on the natural environment specifically from such developments would be lost; however it is expected that other policies in the Local Plan would include relevant criteria such that a negative effect is unlikely to occur. A negligible effect is most likely under this option.</p> <p>Policy Option 2 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective as it would involve having a specific policy in the Local Plan relating to equestrian development which it is expected would include criteria relating to the protection of landscape character and potentially the wider natural environment.</p>
8. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	+	<p>Inappropriate equestrian development could have negative effects on the historic environment as a result of deterioration in the wider landscape character affecting the setting of heritage assets.</p> <p>Option 1 would involve relying on other rural development policies in the Local Plan and not including a policy specifically relating to equestrian development. This would mean that opportunities to address the potential for adverse impacts on the landscape and therefore the setting of heritage features would be lost; however it is expected that other policies in the Local Plan would include relevant criteria such that a negative effect is unlikely</p>

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
			to occur. A negligible effect is most likely under this option. Policy Option 2 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective as it would involve having a specific policy in the Local Plan relating to equestrian development which it is expected would include criteria relating to the protection of landscape character which can benefit the setting of heritage assets.
9. To use land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
10. To promote social cohesion and support the development of community facilities across the Borough	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
11. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
12. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
13. To minimise waste and increase the re-use and recycling of waste materials	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
14. To provide the	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

SA objectives	Option 1	Option 2	Justification
necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.			
15. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.
16. To adapt to and plan for climate change and increase energy generated from renewables.	0	0	The policy options are not likely to affect this SA objective and so negligible effects are likely.

Appendix 10

Detailed SA Matrices for the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan Policies

Spatial Strategy

Policy SS1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the provision of good quality housing for current and future residents. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the provision and access of good education and training opportunities. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with access to sustainable and active modes of transport. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with economic growth. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the preservation and enhancement of the character of the landscape in the borough. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and geodiversity. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with efficient land use and soil quality. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the promotion of social inclusion, and the development of and access to local services and facilities. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the reduction of poverty, social deprivation and securing economic inclusion. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with improved safety, reducing crime and the fear of crime. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the reduction of waste arisings and increased re-use and recycling rates. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with providing the physical conditions and infrastructure needed to enable

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
infrastructure to enable economic growth.		economic growth. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with health. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with climate change. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with flood risk management. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	+	The policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Melton, which is assumed to cover issues associated with water quality and water efficiency. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.

Policy SS2: Development strategy

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	The policy provides for the development of at least 6,125 homes to meet the objectively assessed housing need for Melton Borough between 2011 and 2036. Housing will be mainly focussed at Melton Mowbray (the Main Urban Area) but will also be delivered at smaller settlements (the Service Centres and Rural Hubs as well as the Rural Settlements) to meet local needs. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++/-	The development of at least 6,125 new homes over the plan period could put strain on existing schools and colleges; however the policy specifies that development will be expected to contribute positively to the contribution of key infrastructure to support the Borough's growing population and economy, which is taken to include education facilities. Focussing most of the new housing at Melton Mowbray, followed by Service Centres and Rural Hubs, should ensure that most new residents have good access to the schools and colleges that are mainly concentrated in those larger settlements. However, continuing to focus most development at

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		Melton Mowbray where 65% of the Borough's need will be provided may mean that potential opportunities to improve access to education facilities in rural areas are reduced. If population growth is centred at Melton Mowbray there will be less of an increase in support for rural schools, although the development strategy does allow for some limited development in rural areas and some of the site allocations policies in the Local Plan make provision for increasing capacity at local schools. Overall, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The development strategy involves locating most development at Melton Mowbray (the Main Urban Area) which is likely to have a significant positive effect on enabling people to use sustainable transport. Journeys to work and to access services and facilities are likely to be shorter and therefore more easily undertaken on foot or by bicycle, and public transport services in the Melton Mowbray area are better than in the more rural parts of the Borough. This is particularly likely to be case because up to 31 hectares of additional employment land by 2036 is also to be provided in Melton Mowbray. The policy also specifies that development at Melton Mowbray will be expected to contribute positively to the provision of key infrastructure including traffic relief, which may involve improvements to sustainable transport links. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The policy provides for the development of some 51 hectares of employment land to meet local needs between 2011 and 2036. Most of this employment land will be located at Melton Mowbray (up to 31 hectares) which should mean that the jobs created are accessible for most people and can be reached via public transport. The development of new employment sites which are assumed to be of high quality should encourage investment and result in the delivery of jobs to meet the needs of the growing population. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+/--?	The development strategy set out in this policy focuses most new development at Melton Mowbray. In the open countryside beyond the settlements identified as Service Centres and those villages identified Rural Hubs, development will be restricted to that which is necessary and appropriate. Minimising the extent of development in rural areas may help to preserve the character of villages and the quality of rural landscapes. However, while directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer good opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites at the town, it will also result in the loss of greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray and landscape sensitivity around Melton Mowbray is generally moderate or high. Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is identified for this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on the specific location of development at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere in relation to the areas of highest landscape sensitivity (site allocations have been subject to SA separately) and on the design of the development and the incorporation of mitigation measures.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+/--?	The large-scale development proposed through this policy could result in disturbance or damage to biodiversity and geodiversity; however effects will depend more on the specific location of the development in relation to areas of biodiversity and geodiversity value rather than its overall distribution within the Borough (site allocations have been subject to SA separately).

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		<p>While directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer good opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites within the town, thereby avoiding habitat loss on greenfield sites, it will also result in large-scale development on greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray. It is also noted that brownfield sites within the town may harbour valuable biodiversity.</p> <p>While directing most growth to Melton Mowbray would steer the majority of development away from the SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites located elsewhere in the Borough, there are a number of Local Wildlife Site around the town, including the large Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site to the north and Bull Field and Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings in the west. In addition, some level of development will still take place in and around the smaller settlements where there are also sites of biodiversity and geodiversity value. At the smaller Rural Settlements the remaining proportion of the Borough's need is to be accommodated as 'windfall' sites. While this approach may not identify sites for development which are less sensitive in terms of landscape character, the requirement that development must be of a smaller size (three dwellings or less) and sustainable in accordance with policy SS3 should help to reduce negative impacts.</p> <p>It will be important for development sites at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere to be considered carefully in relation to the potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity features (this has been addressed at the strategic level through the SA of site allocations). New development may also offer good opportunities to incorporate biodiversity enhancements wherever it is located, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure. Therefore, the overall effects of this option are mixed (minor positive and significant negative) and are currently uncertain, depending on the design and specific location of development.</p>
<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The large-scale development proposed through this policy could result in impacts on cultural heritage assets and their settings. Focussing most development at Melton Mowbray could help to preserve the historic character of the rural villages although this policy does still direct some development to the smaller settlements. At the smaller Rural Settlements the remaining proportion of the Borough's need is to be accommodated as 'windfall' sites. While this approach may not identify sites for development which are less sensitive in terms of local heritage assets and their settings, the requirement that development must be of a smaller size (three dwellings or less) and sustainable in accordance with policy SS3 should help to reduce negative impacts.</p> <p>Overall the effects of development will depend mainly on its specific location, rather than its broad distribution, in particular the proximity of development to sensitive heritage features (site allocations have been subject to SA separately). There is a cluster of listed buildings in the centre of Melton Mowbray which could be affected by nearby development. While there are fewer heritage features outside of the town centre, there are a number of scattered listed buildings as well as two Scheduled Monuments – Sysonby Grange and Medieval Settlement Remains – to the north west and south west of Melton Mowbray</p>

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		<p>respectively, which may be affected by nearby development, particularly if it is large in scale. There are also designated and undesignated heritage features at the smaller settlements that could be affected by development. Therefore, an overall significant negative effect is identified although this is currently uncertain depending on the design of development and its specific location, particularly the location of the development that comes forward outside of Melton Mowbray. It is also recognised that high quality new development may offer the opportunity to enhance the setting of nearby heritage features.</p>
<p>8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The large-scale development proposed through this policy will inevitably result in the loss of greenfield land, and considering the extent of high quality agricultural land in the Borough, it is likely that there will be loss of land which is Grade 3a or higher.</p> <p>While directing most development to Melton Mowbray may offer some opportunities for infill development on brownfield sites within the town, thereby avoiding development on greenfield land, it would also result in large-scale development on greenfield land adjoining Melton Mowbray. Most of the land around Melton Mowbray is Grade 3 agricultural land (some of which is Grade 3a) although there are also areas of Grade 2 land, particularly to the north west, north east and south east of the town. Development in those areas could therefore have particularly negative effects. Two of the Minerals Consultation Areas in the Borough are adjacent to Melton Mowbray, to the east and west of the town. Development in those locations could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals resources. There are also areas of high quality agricultural land in and around the smaller settlements of the Borough which could be lost as the policy directs some limited development there, and opportunities for infill development on brownfield land at smaller villages are likely to be more limited. At the smaller Rural Settlements the remaining proportion of the Borough's need is to be accommodated as 'windfall' sites. While this approach may not identify sites for development which will result in the loss of higher quality agricultural land, the requirement for development to be of a smaller size (three dwellings or less) and sustainable in accordance with policy SS3 should help to reduce negative impacts.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect on this objective is therefore likely although this is uncertain depending on the eventual location of development at Melton Mowbray and elsewhere, in relation to the areas of highest quality agricultural land and Minerals Consultation Zones (site allocations have been subject to SA separately).</p>
<p>9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>Given that this policy would provide for 65% of the Borough's residential need at Melton Mowbray it is expected that more people would be able to access the services and facilities that are mainly located there, particularly benefitting people without access to a car. Focussing the population growth at the town could also stimulate the provision of new services and facilities there and the policy specifies that development at Melton Mowbray will be expected to contribute positively to the provision of key infrastructure which is taken to include community services and facilities. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely. However, directing most development to Melton Mowbray would also compound access-related issues for</p>

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		people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in those areas are reduced, although some limited development through 'windfall' sites is still directed to the smaller settlements under this policy. Village vitality may also be detrimentally affected as more activity is concentrated in Melton Mowbray. Therefore, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The development of some 51 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2036 will help to reduce poverty and economic exclusion by providing jobs to meet the needs of the growing population. Focussing most new development at Melton Mowbray where up to 31 hectares of additional employment land is to be provided by 2036 is likely to mean that there is reduced support for rural services and facilities and reduced village vitality which would increase social deprivation and exclusion in rural areas; however focussing development at Melton Mowbray would improve social inclusion for the concentration of people living in and around the town. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The amount and distribution of development in Melton Borough would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Instead, effects will be determined by factors such as the design of development, e.g. the incorporation of lighting, which can improve perception of safety at night.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-?	The development of at least 6,125 new homes at some 51 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2036 will inevitably result in an overall increase in waste generation, although per capita waste generation will not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, will instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments. The effects of development on waste generation will depend to some extent on the location of sites that are allocated for development (i.e. whether they are on brownfield land which may offer opportunities for the re-use of existing buildings and materials) and the allocated sites have been subject to SA separately. However, focussing most development at Melton Mowbray would require the development of an urban extension on greenfield land; therefore opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials are less likely to exist and a minor negative effect is likely overall.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	The level of housing development proposed through this policy is higher than the minimum required, in order to meet the need arising from natural population growth and also supporting economic growth. Therefore, a positive effect is likely in relation to enabling economic growth as a result of the Borough's labour force being stronger. This would have resulting positive effects on the diversity of jobs available. In addition, focussing most development at Melton Mowbray (at least 3,980 homes and up to 31 hectares of additional employment land by 2036) may help to reduce traffic congestion as more people can walk, cycle and use public transport day to day and this may have an indirect positive effect on creating conditions to enable economic growth (reducing congestion). The policy also requires that development at Melton Mowbray contributes positively to the provision of key infrastructure which is to include traffic relief and would support the growth of the local population and economy. Overall a significant positive effect is likely.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/-	<p>The development of at least 6,125 new homes over the plan period could put strain on existing healthcare facilities; however the policy specifies that development will be expected to contribute positively to the contribution of key infrastructure, which is taken to include health-related infrastructure such as GP places.</p> <p>Locating most development (65% of the Borough's housing need and 31 hectares of employment land) at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be shorter. This is likely to help increase levels of physical activity day to day. Access to healthcare facilities may also be improved for new residents, as most of the GPs and other medical facilities in the Borough are located in the town. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely. However, directing most development to Melton Mowbray would also compound access issues for people in rural areas, and would mean that potential opportunities to stimulate the provision of new facilities (including healthcare facilities) in those areas are lost. Therefore, a mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	<p>The scale of development proposed through this policy will inevitably result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, although the extent to which new development is energy efficient and may incorporate renewable energy generation and use would be determined by design and people's behaviour rather than the spatial distribution of the development.</p> <p>Locating most development (65% of the Borough's housing need and 31 hectares of employment land) at Melton Mowbray would mean that more people would be able to access the jobs, services and facilities that are mainly located there via sustainable transport e.g. on foot or by bicycle, as journeys would be shorter. There are also better public transport links in and around the town compared with the more rural areas of the Borough where levels of car use would be likely to be much higher. This would have a significant positive effect on levels of emissions and air quality, particularly because the policy specifies that development at Melton Mowbray will be expected to contribute positively to the provision of key infrastructure within the town, including traffic relief which may include the provision of improved sustainable transport links locally.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-?	<p>Focussing most development (65% of the Borough's housing need and 31 hectares of employment land) at Melton Mowbray is likely to result in the loss of permeable greenfield land as it would not be possible to deliver that amount of development through infill alone. There are fairly extensive areas of flood zones 2 and 3 in Melton Mowbray, around the River Eye which runs through the town from east-west. Therefore, focussing most development at the town may mean that it is more difficult to steer development away from high flood risk areas, and a potential minor negative effect is identified. However, this is uncertain depending on the exact location of development, and it is noted that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation such as SuDS into new development.</p>
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	?	<p>The scale of development proposed through this policy will inevitably involve an increase in demand for water resources although there would not be a per capita increase. The effects of development on the efficient use of water resources will depend on the design of the development and behaviour of people, rather than the</p>

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efficient use of water resources.		<p>spatial distribution of development within the Borough.</p> <p>Focussing most of the Borough's development (65% of the Borough's housing need and 31 hectares of employment land) at Melton Mowbray may place particularly increased pressure on the sewage treatment works serving the town. Information about existing capacity at the sewage treatment works is not currently available; however it is assumed that any upgrades to the capacity that may be required would be delivered as part of the development proposals, particularly because the policy specifies that development at Melton Mowbray would be expected to contribute positively to the provision of key infrastructure. There is a Source Protection Zone in Melton Mowbray, although this is in the centre of the town, away from the greenfield land around the edge of the town where large-scale development would need to be focussed. The likely effect on this objective is therefore uncertain.</p>

Policy SS3: Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	The policy provides for small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would meet an identified local need. The small-scale of development that is likely to result from the policy and the relatively restrictive criteria that proposals must adhere to means that a minor rather than significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	This policy permits small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would be served by sustainable infrastructure or would provide new infrastructure or services to the wider benefit of the settlement. This is taken to include education infrastructure such as school places and so the policy could help to support small rural schools through appropriate new development. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/-	This policy could result in the development of housing outside of allocated sites which may be in less sustainable locations in terms of access to sustainable transport. However, the effects of any such development on transport patterns would depend on its specific location which is not yet known. In addition, the policy only permits this type of development where it would be served by sustainable infrastructure or would provide new infrastructure or services to the wider benefit of the settlement – this is taken to include sustainable transport infrastructure. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high	+	The policy permits development outside of allocated sites where it would provide economic development to meet local needs, subject to other criteria being met. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely as the policy could increase employment opportunities in more rural parts of the Borough.

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quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+/-	This policy could result in the development of housing outside of allocated sites which may be in less appropriate locations in terms of their impacts on the landscape. However, any development resulting from the policy would be of a small-scale (10 dwellings or fewer, dependent upon where it is to be provided) and it would only be permitted where it respects the Borough's landscape and settlement character and the design of the development is in line with Policy D1. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	Any development resulting from this policy would only be permitted where it respects ecological and biodiversity features and provides mitigation to prevent any potential harm. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	Any development resulting from this policy would only be permitted where it respects heritage features and provides mitigation to prevent any potential harm. The policy also requires development outside of allocated sites to be of a design which conforms to Policy D1 meaning the setting of local heritage assets and the character of local settlements should be protected. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The policy requires proposals for small-scale development outside of allocated sites to not result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land where possible. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely although there is uncertainty attached due to the fact that in some circumstances the loss of high quality land may be permitted.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The policy permits small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would enhance the sustainability of the settlement(s) which it relates to. This includes a requirement that it should be well served by infrastructure or will provide new infrastructure or services to the benefit of the settlement. Therefore, the policy should help to support and improve services in the rural parts of the Borough and a significant positive effect is likely.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy permits small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would enhance the sustainability of the settlement(s) which it relates to. This includes a requirement that it should be well served by infrastructure or will provide new infrastructure or services to the benefit of the settlement. Therefore, the policy should help to reduce social deprivation and exclusion in rural communities and a minor positive effect is likely.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

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crime.		
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	The policy would result in small scale development outside of the allocated sites in the Borough. This type of development is to be served by sustainable infrastructure and/or provide new infrastructure or services to the wider benefit of the settlement. As such the policy would support the provision of new infrastructure which could facilitate further local economic development in some situations. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+/-	This policy permits small-scale housing development outside of allocated sites where it would be served by sustainable infrastructure or would provide new infrastructure or services to the wider benefit of the settlement. This is taken to include healthcare infrastructure such as GP places and so the policy could help to support rural healthcare facilities through appropriate new development. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. However, this is mixed with a minor negative effect as the policy could result in development in more rural parts of the Borough where levels of car use are likely to be higher thus reducing the potential for journeys to be undertaken by more active modes of transport.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	-	New development will inevitably involve an increase in greenhouse gas emissions although the scale of development resulting from this policy is likely to be small and effects will be determined mainly by the design of the development and people's behaviour. However, the policy could result in development in more rural parts of the Borough where levels of car use are likely to be higher which would have a minor negative effect on this objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	Any development resulting from this policy would only be permitted where it does not increase the risk of flooding. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

Policy SS4: South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood (Strategic Allocation)

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SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	The sustainable neighbourhood allocated through this policy would deliver approximately 2,000 homes which constitutes some 30% of the outstanding housing requirements in the Borough. 1,700 of these homes are to be delivered by 2036. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036 ¹⁵² . The policy also requires 37% of these homes to be affordable (subject to viability) as well as requiring a mix of home types, tenures and sizes which should help to meet the needs of a wide range of new residents. The policy requires the provision of extra care housing to meet the needs of the local population which has seen a rise in the number of older people in recent years. New development is to be designed to perform well against Building for Life 12 which should help to provide well-designed homes and neighbourhoods which meet local requirements. A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	This site would be developed as an urban extension and is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray which is to the north. As such, siting development at this location will provide good access to the concentration of existing schools in Melton Mowbray. The existing Swallow Dale Primary School and Longfield Academy would be located within walking distance of the sustainable neighbourhood meaning that pupils would have a good level of access to these facilities without travelling by car. A new primary school by Dalby Road and financial contributions towards secondary education are also to be provided as part of the development and this should help to mitigate any increased pressure on local school places which might otherwise have occurred as a result of the increase in local population. Overall a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++/-	Given the very close proximity of sustainable neighbourhood to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport day to day. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links that run through the development area - the number 19, 40 and 113 bus services run along the A606 between Oakham and Melton (Monday to Saturday) and the journey time to Melton town centre is less than 15 minutes. The 100 and 128 services run between Melton Mowbray and Leicester (Monday to Saturday) and the 5A service runs adjacent to the northern boundary of the site offering a 20 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre. Additionally, the policy supports the provision of a new and enhanced bus service which would provide access to Melton Mowbray Town Centre and local employment opportunities at a minimum frequency of 20 minutes and this should encourage local residents to make use of public transport, further reducing reliance on private car use. A new Travel Plan is also to be incorporated to encourage new residents to make use of public transport. Encouraging the incorporation of 'Active Design' through this policy, in accordance with Policy D1, should help to promote the use of active modes of transport such as walking and cycling which may reduce car dependency in the Borough.

¹⁵² GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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		<p>Most journey lengths should be short as there is a good concentration of existing jobs, services and facilities in Melton Mowbray. The location of the sustainable neighbourhood in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. The policy provides for the delivery of employment land, educational and community facilities as well as improved walking and cycling routes as part of the development which would further encourage new residents to use sustainable forms of transport.</p> <p>Given the current transport infrastructure, the expected delivery of new infrastructure and essential service development which might ease congestion in the town centre and current and future public transport provision in the area a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the development of this sustainable neighbourhood would facilitate the delivery of a strategic road link between the A606 and A607 forming part of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road as well as other improvements to the road network to mitigate likely adverse impacts. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	++	<p>This potential SUE is within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such it would provide new residents with good access (by public transport) to job opportunities in the town and at other employment sites (including industrial estates such as Leicester Road Industrial Estate to the north west). The policy also provides for new employment land (approximately 20ha) within the SUE area. The new employment provision will include B1 (business), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) and will also allow for the expansion and improvement of the existing Leicester Road Industrial Estate. The employment land allocated in this area would potentially be a commercially attractive location given its links to the town centre as well as proximity to current employment sites. This would provide additional employment opportunities for residents and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	+/--?	<p>The South Melton Mowbray sustainable neighbourhood would involve the development of a large area greenfield land to the south of Melton Mowbray and so could impact upon local landscape character. The eastern side of the area allocated would cover a large part of the Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Burton Lazars. The Area of Separation between Melton Mowbray and Eye Kettleby would also be encroached upon by the development. The policy includes within it a requirement to protect the separate identities of Burton Lazars and Eye Kettleby, which may help to mitigate the potential for adverse impacts on local character.</p>

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		<p>The area to the south of Melton Mowbray where this allocation lies is classed as being of medium-high sensitivity to development¹⁵³. This is due to the intricate small scale landscape and cultural pattern and open visual character and the degree of intervisibility which is increasingly present towards the east. A potential significant negative effect on the landscape is therefore identified as a result of large-scale development at this location. However, it is noted that the site lies within a folded/rolling valley which may reduce the negative impacts on the landscape. The policy requires an approach which incorporates masterplanning to be pursued when submitting a development proposal as part of the Melton South Sustainable Neighbourhood. This approach is to be respectful of areas of green infrastructure and green space (including strategic green gaps) and should also provide areas of new landscaping which will potentially mitigate landscape impacts. All development within the Sustainable Neighbourhood is to be guided by the design principles of Policy D1 which should mean development will have reduced potential for detrimental impacts on local landscape setting. In addition, the existing 'hard' development edge south of Melton Mowbray could be improved by appropriately designed new development in this area and as such a minor positive effect is expected in combination with the previously identified significant negative effect; therefore a mixed effect is expected on this SA objective overall. The effects are currently uncertain given that the exact effect will depend on the design of the development and considering that there may be potential to mitigate these effects.</p>
<p>6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.</p>	<p>+/--?</p>	<p>The Sustainable Neighbourhood is almost directly adjacent to Leicester Road Grassland Local Wildlife Site and within 200m of Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings Local Wildlife Site, although there are no Local Wildlife Sites within the boundaries of the development site. A number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have also been identified within this area particularly towards the central area of the site by Sandy Lane.</p> <p>The loss of a large area of greenfield land may have a negative effect on biodiversity as a result of loss of local habitats which have not yet been identified, although it may be possible to incorporate mitigation into the development, for example through the inclusion of green infrastructure to promote habitat connectivity.</p> <p>As such, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective due to the potential habitat destruction or disturbance which may result from construction and operation of the development. However, the policy supports the protection and enhancement of existing wildlife corridors in the area and requires that new development protects and enhances areas of biodiversity and green infrastructure specifically at the River Wreake tributaries and the Edendale Brooke. It also provides for a protection zone between the River Eye SSSI and any future development. Therefore, the potential negative effect on this SA objective is expected to be mixed with a minor positive effect. The effect is recorded as uncertain until the exact design and layout of the development is known.</p>

¹⁵³ Influence Environmental (2015), Melton Borough Protected Open Areas Study.

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<p>7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	<p>--/+?</p>	<p>The land allocated by the policy is within close proximity of a Scheduled Monument to the south east by Melton Road on the approach to Burton Lazars. This designation includes St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital. To the north west the site is located almost adjacent to the Scheduled Monument which is by Leicester Road. The closest Listed Buildings to the Sustainable Neighbourhood allocated for development are Chestnut Farmhouse which is a Grade II Listed Building within Burton Lazars to the south east and Squires Monument which is within the grounds of the Church of St James and is a Grade II* Listed Building also within Burton Lazars.</p> <p>Development at this location could potentially have a significant negative impact on the setting of these historic assets given their close proximity to the sustainable neighbourhood. However, the policy provides for protection and potential enhancement of historical and archaeological features, specifically referring to the St Mary and Lazarus Hospital Scheduled Monument. As such a minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective and overall a mixed effect is recorded. This is uncertain until the detailed design and layout of the site is known.</p>
<p>8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.</p>	<p>--/+</p>	<p>The area allocated by this policy comprises greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Quality, although there is an area of Grade 2 Agricultural Land in the west of the site. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of some high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) is also within the site, towards its north western edge by Kirkby Lane. The close proximity of this MCA may result in the sterilisation of or restriction of access to minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction.</p> <p>However, the master planning approach to the Sustainable Neighbourhood which the policy requires states that high grade agricultural land should be protected. As such, the policy may help to guide an element of the proposed development to areas of lower quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>This sustainable neighbourhood would be large enough to be relatively self-contained with the policy providing for, in addition to residential properties, new facilities and services including a primary school, community facilities (including community hall), medical services and local employment opportunities as well as a new local centre to include a small parade of shops by Dalby Road. The policy requires the support of secondary education provision through financial contributions. This would be to the benefit of internal cohesion of the new development area given that residents would not have to travel to access important services. The development would also be within close proximity of the existing services and facilities that are concentrated in Melton Mowbray and would therefore provide support for their ongoing viability. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>10. To reduce poverty, social</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>The South Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhood would be located in close proximity of existing</p>

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deprivation and secure economic inclusion.		schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray. The policy would also result in the provision of new employment opportunities (approximately 20ha of land is to be allocated for B2, B2 and B8 uses to expand and enhance the Leicester Road Business Park adjacent to the site to the north west) and community facilities (including a school, community hall and medical services), reducing the risk of existing services and facilities becoming overloaded and leading to social exclusion. The policy supports the provision of a large amount of affordable housing (37% of the 2,000 new homes to be built are to be affordable dependent on viability), thereby reducing barriers to home ownership in Melton. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. These issues will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known. However, the policy specifically requires that walking, cycling and public transport routes which are provided are to be safe. In addition, the requirement for development to be provided with the support of a master planning approach should help to create safer neighbourhoods in terms of appropriately incorporating safe green spaces and active street frontages which provide natural surveillance. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However levels of recycling will not be affected by the development allocated through this policy, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new sustainable neighbourhood. As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	<p>The policy provides for a bypass which would link the A606 in the west and A607 in the east within the area covered by the sustainable neighbourhood forming part of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road. As such, the development would provide the land needed to facilitate this route thus reducing congestion in Melton Town centre, which might otherwise have a negative effect on the local economy particularly in light of the proposed growth in the area.</p> <p>The policy also provides for approximately 20ha of employment land with the sustainable neighbourhood for B1 (business), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) uses and expansion enhancement of the existing Leicester Road Business Park. Given that the policy provides for the enhancement of the road network which could potentially improve strategic connections for business locally and also provides a substantial amount of new employment land a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The policy proposes an urban extension which is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray to the north. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the existing healthcare facilities in Melton Mowbray. The land allocated for development through this policy would be located within 800m of Melton Mowbray hospital on the A607 to the north west and there are also GPs within the town that

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		<p>could be easily accessible, meaning residents would have a good level of access to these existing facilities, potentially via sustainable transport. The policy also provides for the creation of new local services and facilities which would include new medical services. This would reduce the potential for any adverse effects which might otherwise result from a concentrated large increase in population and the pressure on existing facilities which would be associated with this.</p> <p>The area which is allocated by this policy is located within close proximity of a number of open spaces: Top Park is located to the south within 360m by Lime Street and Mars Sports ground is located to the north west of the site within 180m by Saxby Road. New development of this large scale would also present opportunities for further open space to be incorporated within the SUE and the policy supports development which provides new cycling and walking links including those making use of green infrastructure. Encouraging the use of 'Active Design' through this policy, in accordance with Policy D1, should further encourage the use of active modes of transport locally. There is further support in the policy for the provision of facilities which may support healthier lifestyle choices amongst residents given that new high quality multi-functional green spaces should be created in line with the Council's open space standards. The policy also supports the provision of, or contributions towards, sports pitches and indoor leisure facilities in Sustainable Neighbourhood, in accordance with the Playing Pitch Strategy and emerging Indoor Facilities Assessment and this type of provision could further contribute to improved public health and well-being. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>While large-scale new development to the south of Melton Mowbray will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings, this will depend largely on its design which is not yet known. Considering the large scale of this development it could offer good opportunities to incorporate renewable energy generation and the policy supports development which exceeds building regulation in terms of energy efficiency and carbon emissions. The policy presents a specific aim seeking for new development to provide 10% of houses that obtain energy from renewable sources, where viable.</p> <p>Given the very close proximity of sustainable neighbourhood to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray to the north, there is very good potential for residents and employees travelling to and from the site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. People will be able to make use of the existing public transport links and the enhanced public transport provision that the policy supports. A modal shift away from car use is supported by the policy through the provision of improved cycling and walking facilities as well as accessible bus stops which connect to the town centre and local employment opportunities. Encouraging the use of 'Active Design' through this policy, in accordance with Policy D1, should also help to promote the use of active modes of transport locally which may reduce car dependency in the Borough. Any modal shift would be amplified by requirement to provide a new Travel Plan to encourage new residents to make use of public transport.</p>

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		<p>The policy also allows for the provision of employment land (20ha) and community services (including medical services, a school and new local centre) within the proposed development area which could reduce the need to travel. The location of the sustainable neighbourhood in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure would be supplemented by additional cycling and walking provisions as well as an improved public transport network, it is expected that these contributions could lead to an overall benefit for local greenhouse gas emissions and air quality. As such a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the policy would support the creation of a new strategic road link between the A606 and A607. While this would help to reduce congestion and the resulting pockets of poor air quality, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.</p>	<p>+/-?</p>	<p>The main potential source of flooding in the area allocated by this policy is a tributary of the River Wreake in the north west. This area of the site has been identified as being partly within Flood Zones 2 and 3. As such, the overall area within the site which is at high risk of flooding is relatively small when compared to the total developable area and it is expected that development could be accommodated in areas not affected by risk of flooding.</p> <p>The policy promotes development which provides appropriate sustainable drainage systems, flood alleviation measures and is provided in downstream areas to reduce flood risk where possible. It also supports the development of buildings which are adaptable to future climatic conditions including flooding. These measures should help to reduce the risk of flooding and as such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The development would, however, involve the development of a large area of greenfield land which would substantially increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton and reduce potential for infiltration of surface water locally, potentially increasing flood risk. As such a combined minor negative effect is also expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that development may be sited away from the areas which have been identified as being at high risk of flooding.</p>
<p>17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of the large-scale development proposed through this policy, this would depend mainly on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location. The policy also requires that development</p>

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		in this area protects and enhances water quality and as such it is anticipated that appropriate measures to achieve this aim will be put in place. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

Policy SS5: Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	The Sustainable Neighbourhood would deliver approximately 1,700 homes (1,500 homes during the Plan period) which constitutes some 25% of the outstanding housing requirements in the Borough. Therefore, the site would make a substantial contribution towards meeting the Borough's housing need for between 195 and 245 new homes per annum up to 2036 ¹⁵⁴ . The policy also requires 37% of these homes to be affordable homes (subject to viability) and requires a mix of home types, tenures and sizes which should help to meet the needs of a wide range of people. Additional care housing to meet the needs of the aging local population is also to be provided at the Sustainable Neighbourhood. New development is to be designed to perform well against Building for Life 12 which should help to provide well-designed homes and neighbourhoods which meet local requirements. A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The area of land which is identified as the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood by this policy is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray which is to the south. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the concentration of existing schools in Melton Mowbray. The existing schools of St Mary's Melton Mowbray Church of England Primary School on Brampton Road and John Ferneley High School on Scalford Road would be located within walking distance of the sustainable neighbourhood meaning that pupils would have a good level of access to these facilities, potentially via sustainable modes of transport. A primary school (covering 2.5ha) as part of a local centre and financial contributions towards secondary education are also to be provided as part of this development and this should help to mitigate any pressure on local schools which might otherwise occur as a result of a significant increase in the local population. Overall a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++/-	Given the very close proximity of the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray which is to the south, there is very good potential for residents of this site to make use of sustainable modes of transport. While the centre of Melton Mowbray is outside of reasonable walking distance (taken to be 600m) there should be good opportunities to cycle and travel by bus. Residents could make use of the existing public transport links that are in close proximity to the development area such as the bus stops currently located on Nottingham Road, Scalford Road, Wymondham Way and Kipling Drive which provide access to the town centre. The allocated area has public transport routes that run through it including the hourly 19 service between Oakham and Nottingham, the 24 service between Melton Mowbray and Bottesford, the 25 service between Melton Mowbray and Stathern and the 15 service which offers a 30 minute frequency service to Melton Mowbray town centre. Journey times to Melton Mowbray town centre are

¹⁵⁴ GL Hearn (June 2014) Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

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		<p>less than 15 minutes. Additionally, the policy supports the provision of a new and enhanced bus service which would provide access to Melton Mowbray Town Centre and local employment opportunities and would further reduce reliance on private car use.</p> <p>The policy requires the provision of walking and cycle links as part of any proposed development. It is expected that levels of walking and cycling may be further encouraged given that new employment uses and a new local centre, as well as services and facilities (including a school community facilities and new local centre at Scalford Road) will be provided within the development area and will therefore be located within close proximity to the new residential properties. The policy should help to further enhance the potential for the use of sustainable transport within the new development given that it contains as one of its aims a modal shift away from private car use. Adopting the principles of "Active Design" and the requirement for a Travel Plan for the Sustainable Neighbourhood is expected to further encourage this modal shift.</p> <p>Given the current transport infrastructure, the expected deliver of new infrastructure and essential service development which might ease congestion in the town centre and current and future public transport provision in the area, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, this is combined with a potential minor negative effect also, as the development of this site would facilitate the delivery of a strategic road link between the A606 Nottingham Road to Melton Spinney Road as part of the Melton Mowbray Outer Relief Route as well as a route which allows for north/south connectivity in Melton. While this would help to reduce congestion, it may make car use more attractive and therefore make it more difficult to encourage modal shift.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>The Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood is within relatively close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such it would provide new residents with good access (by public transport) to job opportunities in the town and at other employment sites (including industrial estates such as Asfordby Business Park to the west). The policy also provides for small-scale employment uses as part of a new local centre, which is mainly limited to B1(a) (office) use. This would provide some additional employment opportunities for residents and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	<p>+?/--</p>	<p>Although it would not result in settlement coalescence and would not encroach upon any of the Areas of Separation in the Borough, the development of the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood would involve development on a large area of greenfield land which would significantly affect the form and setting of Melton Mowbray by significantly extending the edge of the town to the north.</p>

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		<p>The landscape sensitivity of this area to the north of the town has been assessed as being medium to high due to its tranquil undeveloped rural character as well as its variable topography¹⁵⁵. Therefore, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>However, the existing 'hard' development edge north of Melton Mowbray could be improved by appropriately designed new development in this area and the policy requires that development provides an improved town edge in this area. The policy also seeks to maintain the separate areas of Thorpe Arnold and Scalford to the north east and north of Melton Mowbray respectively. There is a requirement that new development is integrated successfully with the nearby Country Park and the surrounding landscape through a comprehensive master plan and design code which responds to the Areas of Separation and Settlement Fringe Sensitivity Study (2015) and the Biodiversity and Geo-diversity Study (2015). The policy supports the provision of new landscaping and areas of green space while protecting important strategic green gaps. This may help to mitigate any adverse impacts on the landscape and as such a minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective. The mixed effects are currently uncertain given that the exact effect on the landscape of the Borough will depend on the design and layout of any development.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+/-?	<p>The area of land which would comprise the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood contains part Melton Country Park Local Wildlife Site and is also located in close proximity to the Scalford Brook Local Wildlife Site, Nottingham Road Hedgerow Local Wildlife Site and Corfe Wet Grassland Local Wildlife Site. A number of areas which have been identified as being of importance for the breeding of great crested newts have also been identified within the area; to the south west towards the A606, to the north by Scalford Road and also within Melton Country Park. The loss of a large area of greenfield land is likely to result the loss of habitats which have not yet been identified and the large scale residential development proposed may result in increased recreational pressures which could be to the detriment of local biodiversity.</p> <p>The policy does, however, provide for mitigation in relation to negative effects which may result on biodiversity as a result of this potential development. Existing green infrastructure and wildlife corridors are to be protected and new corridors are to be provided to allow for increased habitat connectivity. Specific protection is given to the areas important for biodiversity or green infrastructure at Melton Country Park, Scalford Brook and Welby Brooke and the disused railway line. As such a minor positive effect is also expected in combination with the significant negative effect previously identified. Effects are uncertain at this stage until detailed proposals for the site come forward.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their	+/-?	<p>Syonsby Lodge, a Grade II Listed Building, is located within the area which is allocated for development within the policy to the east of the A606. The new neighbourhood would also be within close proximity of a Scheduled Monument (Syonsby Grange) which is located on St Bartholomew's Way to the west.</p>

¹⁵⁵ Influence Environmental (2015), Melton Borough Protected Open Areas Study.

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settings.		Development at this location could therefore potentially have negative impacts on the setting of these designated historic assets although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known. The policy incorporates mitigation, supporting development which allows for the protection and enhancement of historic assets and their settings. In addition to this master planning which is to support all planning applications for development within the area is to be supportive of the protection of local heritage assets. The approach supported by the policy should therefore help to mitigate adverse effects on the historic environment and as such a mixed (minor negative and minor positive) effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+/--	<p>The area covered by the proposed Sustainable Neighbourhood comprises greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Quality, with a sizeable area of the land to the east of Salford Road and some of the land surrounding the Melton Country Park being Grade 2 Agricultural Land. The development of this area would therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) is also within the SUE towards the south east by the Melton Spinney Road. The development could therefore result in the sterilisation of minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction. As such, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>This significant negative effect is, however, likely to be combined with minor positive effect given that the master planning approach which is to be undertaken in relation to any new development within the Sustainable Neighbourhood is to be protective of high grade agricultural land.</p>
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	<p>The Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood allocated through this policy would be immediately adjacent to the existing urban area of Melton Mowbray where there is a high concentration of the Borough's services and facilities. Therefore, opportunities to access existing services in the town on foot or by public transport would be high. Focussing large scale population growth in one location could result in the nearest existing services and facilities becoming overloaded; however the policy supports the development of a local centre within the sustainable neighbourhood which would include a school and healthcare facilities as well as other essential community facilities. Development here would also help to stimulate the existing services in Melton Mowbray and contribute to their ongoing viability.</p> <p>As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood would be located in close proximity of existing schools and employment opportunities in and around Melton Mowbray and the policy would also result in the provision of new employment opportunities in the new local centre as well as community facilities (including a school and health services), reducing the risk of existing services and facilities becoming overloaded and a lack of provision of local employment opportunities which might lead to social exclusion. The policy supports the provision of a large amount of affordable housing locally (37% of the 1,700 new homes to be built are to

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		<p>be affordable dependent on viability) as such reducing barriers to home ownership in Melton.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The effects of development on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the site which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. These issues will be determined through the detailed proposals for the site which are not yet known. The policy does require that any development proposal be supported by a master plan however. This approach could help to create safer neighbourhoods in terms of appropriately incorporating safe green spaces and active street frontages which provide natural surveillance while allowing for road networks which will be suitable and safe for the type of development proposed.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>All development, particularly when it is large in scale, will result in an increase in waste generation. However levels of recycling will not be affected by this development, as it is assumed that the kerbside recycling collection which covers the whole Borough would be extended to include the new development. As this site is on greenfield land, opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited. Therefore, a negligible effect is identified.</p>
<p>13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>The policy provides for development at the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood which would incorporate the delivery of a strategic road link between the A606 Nottingham Road and Melton Spinney Road as well as a route which allows for north/south connectivity in Melton to help reduce congestion in Melton Mowbray Town centre. The provision of infrastructure which will help to ease local congestion would benefit local economic growth. The policy also provides for some employment uses (mainly limited to B1(a) office use) within the new local centre which is to be created as part of the development. This employment development would therefore be located in close proximity to residential development giving residents a good level of access to these employment opportunities.</p> <p>Overall a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
<p>14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>The policy proposes development within the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood which is adjacent to the existing urban edge of Melton Mowbray which to the south. As such, siting development at this location should provide good access to the existing healthcare facilities that are concentrated in Melton Mowbray. The development area would be located within 2km of Melton Mowbray hospital on the A607 to the south east. The policy provides for healthcare facilities as required at a local centre within the Borough and also provides for extra care housing which may be of benefit to the health and well-being of elderly people.</p> <p>The development is adjacent to Melton Country Park and this area of open space could potentially encourage</p>

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		<p>healthier and more active lifestyles amongst new residents. The policy also seeks to protect and enhance existing green infrastructure in the area and the provision of a multi-functional network of green spaces through the policy should further benefit health. Sports pitches are to be provided in the immediate vicinity of Melton Mowbray in accordance with Playing Pitch Strategy and emerging Indoor Facilities Assessment and as such should appropriately serve the local community. Given that the masterplan for the development is to incorporate the principles of 'Active Design' in accordance with Policy D1 it should help to promote the use of active modes of transport locally. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
<p>15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.</p>	<p>++/-</p>	<p>While the development of the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood allocated through this policy will inevitably result in an increase in emissions from buildings it is recognised that the policy supports development which exceeds building regulations in terms of energy efficiency and carbon emissions.</p> <p>Given the proximity of the development area to Melton Mowbray to the south, new residents could make use of the existing public transport links such as the bus stops currently located on Nottingham Road, Scalford Road, Wymondham Way and Kipling Drive which provide access to the town centre. The policy seeks to supplement these current provisions with a new and enhanced bus service which links to the town centre and local employment opportunities, which may further reducing reliance on car use. The policy's support for employment uses and new community facilities and services in the area and in close proximity to proposed residential properties may also result in new residents making use of more sustainable forms of transport over car use in the area. Any reduction in local private car use is likely to be amplified by the policy requirement for the masterplanning process required for new development to be undertaken in line with the principles of "Active Design" which should help to encourage modal shift. Development is also to be supported by a Travel Plan which would further encourage modal shift and as such may help to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions from car use.</p> <p>The location of the housing in fairly close proximity to the town centre would also allow for access to Melton Mowbray railway station which provides a direct connection to Leicester to the south west. Given the current transport infrastructure, the potential for public transport infrastructure development and the provision of new essential services and employment uses in the area a significant positive is likely. However, this effect is expected in combination with a minor negative effect given that the policy supports the strategic road link between the A606 Nottingham Road and Melton Spinney Road as well as a new north/south route- while this would help to ease congestion, it could facilitate ongoing car use and the associated emissions.</p>
<p>16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p>The main potential source of flooding in the Melton Mowbray North Sustainable Neighbourhood is Salford Brook which to the west. This area has been identified as being within Flood Zone 3a, 3b and 2 in parts. The overall area which is at high risk of flooding is relatively small when compared to the total area within the boundaries of the potential SUE, however, and it is expected that development could be accommodated in areas not affected by risk of flooding.</p>

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		<p>The policy promotes development which provides appropriate sustainable drainage systems and flood alleviation measures in accordance with the Melton North assessment in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. Development is not to be provided at areas of higher risk of flooding. The policy also supports the development of buildings which are adaptable to future climatic conditions including flooding. These measures should help to reduce the risk of flooding in the Borough and as such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Although the policy supports the provision of green infrastructure and green space through a master planning approach the development would, however, involve the loss of a large area of greenfield land which would substantially increase the area of impermeable surfaces in Melton. This reduction of greenfield land would reduce areas where surface water infiltration could occur, thus increasing the risk of flooding. As such a minor negative effect is also expected on this SA objective. .</p>
<p>17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>While levels of water consumption would inevitably increase as a result of large-scale development, this would depend mainly on the behaviour of residents and the incorporation of water efficiency measures into the new development.</p> <p>There is only one Source Protection Zone (SPZ) in Melton Borough and this is within the centre of Melton Mowbray so would be unaffected by development at this location which the policy guides. The policy requires that development in this area protects and enhances water quality. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>

Policy SS6: Alternative development strategies and Local Plan review

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
<p>1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective as the policy will ensure that local requirements for housing are met. The policy also commits the Council to working collaboratively with other Local Authorities particularly those within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA). If this is not achieved through the Local Plan, monitoring will identify the shortfall and if there is a persistent shortfall in housing delivery or changes within the HMA to the objectively assessed housing need, the Council will carry out an early review to identify alternative development sites where housing may be more easily deliverable. The policy therefore provides additional security in relation to meeting the housing needs (including affordable housing provision) of both present and future residents in Melton Borough.</p>

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2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	This policy will ensure that local requirements for housing and employment provision are met. Through the policy the Council commits to working collaboratively with other Local Authorities, particularly those within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA). The Council will undertake monitoring and if there is a persistent shortfall in housing and employment delivery or there are changes within the HMA to the objectively assessed housing and employment need, the Council will carry out an early review to identify alternative development sites. Therefore, the policy will help to ensure that people are able to live and work within closer proximity, rather than having to travel outside of the Borough to access jobs, or to live outside of the Borough if they work in Melton. It is not expected that collaborative working within the HMA should place residential or employment development for the people of Melton at locations which are significantly further away from the Borough. This approach will help to ensure convenient access to jobs and reduce journey lengths, thereby making the use of sustainable modes of transport more likely. A minor positive is therefore likely on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective because the policy will ensure that the local requirements for employment development are met. Through the policy the Council commits to working collaboratively with other Local Authorities particularly those within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA). If local requirements for employment development are not achieved through the Local Plan, monitoring will identify the shortfall and if there is a persistent shortfall in employment development or changes within the HMA to the objectively assessed jobs need, the Council will carry out an early review to identify alternative development sites where employment-related development may be more easily deliverable. The policy therefore provides additional security in relation to meeting the employment needs of the Borough.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The impacts of potential alternative development sites would be assessed at the time of any Local Plan review that may be triggered by this policy.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The impacts of potential alternative development sites would be assessed at the time of any Local Plan review that may be triggered by this policy.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The impacts of potential alternative development sites would be assessed at the time of any Local Plan review that may be triggered by this policy.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The impacts of potential alternative development sites would be assessed at the time of any Local Plan review that may be triggered by this policy.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy will ensure that Melton Borough delivers the amount of employment development set out in the Local Plan through monitoring new development. If targets for employment development have not been met, this policy will trigger an early review of the Local Plan to identify alternative development sites. Through the policy the Council is also committed to working collaboratively with other Local Authorities particularly those within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA). Changes within the HMA relating to the objectively assessed need for overall development will also result in an early review of the Local Plan meaning that collaboratively working will help to address shortfalls in the HMA as a whole. A positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective as ensuring that an appropriate amount of employment development takes place will help to reduce poverty and secure economic inclusion.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	The policy may help to reduce traffic congestion in the Borough as ensuring that housing and employment is provided within the Borough to meet local needs may help to reduce commuting distances as people will be able to live and work within closer proximity. Although the policy commits the Council to working collaboratively within the HMA it is not expected that this approach would result in residential or employment development being provided at locations which are not in close proximity to the Borough. It should therefore not result in increased commuting distances. In addition, the policy will help to ensure that an appropriate supply of deliverable land is allocated to meet the needs of businesses – if the sites allocated in this Local Plan do not come forward to meet needs, a Plan review will be triggered to identify alternative sites. A minor

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The impacts of potential alternative development sites would be assessed at the time of any Local Plan review that may be triggered by this policy.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The impacts of potential alternative development sites would be assessed at the time of any Local Plan review that may be triggered by this policy.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The impacts of potential alternative development sites would be assessed at the time of any Local Plan review that may be triggered by this policy.

Communities

Policy C1(A): Housing allocations

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	This policy allocates sites for housing provision over the Plan period, to meet the objectively assessed need for 6,125 homes between 2011 and 2036. The policy focuses most development at Melton Mowbray, allocating 12 residential sites there as well as the two sustainable neighbourhoods at the north and south of the town. It provides support for development proposals which would deliver a mix of dwellings in accordance with policy C2 as well as affordable housing in accordance with policy C4. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people	+	This policy would direct most new housing development to Melton Mowbray, followed by the service centres of Bottesford, Asfordby, Harby, Long Clawson and Waltham. Directing most development to these areas will provide new residents with good levels of access to existing education facilities. In addition, the policy provides support for development proposals at the allocated sites that would provide the necessary

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
have access to education.		infrastructure required to support development, which may include new schools or school places. The sites allocated within policy C1A have also been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and all of the sites were found to have at least minor positive effects on education. Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	This policy would focus most of the new housing development in the Borough at Melton Mowbray followed by the service centres of Bottesford, Asfordby, Harby, Long Clawson and Waltham where access to employment opportunities, services and facilities is generally good. Public transport links are also better in those areas than in the smaller villages. As such, most new residents may be required to travel less by car. However, the policy still allocates some housing at smaller settlements where public transport provision is weaker and levels of car use are likely to be high. Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	This policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	This policy allocates sites for housing development, and directs most housing to the more developed areas of the Borough (Melton Mowbray followed by the service centres of Bottesford, Asfordby, Harby, Long Clawson and Waltham). As such, the potential negative effects of new development on landscape character will be reduced in comparison to if more development was allocated at the smaller rural villages. However, the policy does allocate sites for residential development in areas of high landscape sensitivity, in particular the North Melton SUE where 1,500 new homes will be delivered. The sites allocated within policy C1A have also been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and most of the sites were found to have at least minor negative effects on the landscape. The combined effects of the site allocations on this SA objective are therefore likely to be significantly negative although this is uncertain until specific proposals come forward and the design and layout of each development is known.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	This policy allocates sites for housing development, which could have negative effects on biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly because this development would result in the loss of a sizeable total area of greenfield land which may be of biodiversity importance and also considering that a number of the allocated sites are within close proximity of designated sites. The sites allocated within policy C1A have also been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and most of the sites were found to have at least minor negative effects on biodiversity. As such a minor

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until specific proposals come forward and the design and layout of each development is known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	This policy allocates sites for housing development, which could have negative effects on the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings, particularly considering that a number of the allocated sites are within close proximity of designated heritage features such as listed buildings. The sites allocated within policy C1A have also been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and while most of the sites were found to have negligible effects on heritage, a small number of potential minor negative effects were identified. As such a minor negative is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until specific proposals come forward and the design and layout of each development is known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	This policy allocates sites for housing development and although the allocated sites are mostly located in and around the more developed areas of Melton (Melton Mowbray and the service centres of Bottesford, Asfordby, Harby, Long Clawson and Waltham), the allocated sites are mostly located on greenfield land which would be lost to new development. This is particularly likely as a result of the development of the large urban extensions that are allocated to the north and south of Melton Mowbray. Overall the policy would result in the loss of a significant area of moderate to good quality agricultural land (Grade 3 and above) and as such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. In addition it is noted that some of the allocated land is located within Minerals Consultation Areas which may result in restriction or sterilisation of mineral resources.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The sites allocated for housing development through this policy are mostly located in and around the more developed areas of Melton (Melton Mowbray and the service centres) where access to services and facilities is likely to be relatively good (this is reflected in the SA findings for the individual site allocations policies). In addition, the policy supports development proposals at the allocated sites where they would provide the necessary infrastructure required to support the development, which it is assumed would include the development of new community services and facilities. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste	-	This policy allocates sites for housing development which are mainly on greenfield land where opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited (this is reflected in the SA findings for the individual site allocations policies). A minor positive effect is therefore likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
materials.		
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	This policy would direct most new housing development to Melton Mowbray, followed by the service centres of Bottesford, Asfordby, Harby, Long Clawson and Waltham. Directing most development to these areas will provide new residents with relatively good levels of access to existing healthcare facilities. In addition, the policy provides support for development proposals at the allocated sites that would provide the necessary infrastructure required to support the development, which it is assumed would include new GP places or other healthcare related infrastructure. Allocating most housing development at the larger settlements should also provide good opportunities to walk and cycle day to day which would benefit health. The sites allocated within policy C1A have also been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and all of the sites were found to have at least minor positive effects on health. Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	This policy allocates most of the new housing development in the Borough at Melton Mowbray and the service centres where access to employment opportunities, public transport links and services and facilities is likely to be relatively good. As such, new residents may be required to travel less by car which would reduce local contributions to climate change and improve air quality. However, the policy does still allocate some development at the smaller villages where levels of car use may be higher. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This policy allocates large areas of greenfield land for residential development, the loss of which would reduce the area of permeable surfaces in Melton and could reduce infiltration of surface water. The sites allocated within policy C1A have also been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and most of the sites were found to have minor negative effects on flooding. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The scale of development resulting from the sites allocated in this policy would inevitably result in an increase in the consumption of water although this issue would also be influenced by factors such as the behaviour of residents and how well water efficiency measures are incorporated into the developments which is not known at this stage. All apart from one of the allocated sites were found to have negligible effects on water quality as they are located away from Source Protection Zones; therefore an overall negligible effect is identified.

Policy C1(B): Reserve Sites

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
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SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	This policy allows for the approval of proposals on reserve sites identified in the Plan where it would help to meet the identified housing target for the settlement when allocated sites are not delivered. As such this would make the Plan more flexible in terms of responding to local housing need if allocated sites become unavailable or are delayed in their delivery. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The reserve sites listed in this policy are located mostly within Melton Mowbray and the larger villages of the Borough with no sites identified in the smaller Rural Settlements. As such the identified sites are more likely to provide good access to existing education facilities. The reserve sites have been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and all of the sites were found to have at least minor positive effects on education. A minor positive effect is therefore likely overall, particularly because there is a requirement to comply with Policy SS3 which states that the development should be served by sustainable infrastructure and or provide new infrastructure or services which might include schools.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The reserve sites listed in this policy are located mostly within Melton Mowbray and the larger villages of the Borough with no sites identified in the smaller Rural Settlements. As such the identified sites are more likely to provide good access to existing sustainable transport links and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect may be enhanced given that there is a requirement to comply with Policy SS3 which states that the development should be served by sustainable infrastructure and or provide new infrastructure or services which is likely to include public transport provisions.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	This policy will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The reserve sites listed in this policy have been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and three of the sites were found to have at least minor negative effects on the landscape. A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified overall although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the sites come forward. It is also recognised that development of the reserve sites is required to comply with Policy SS3 which states that new development of houses outside of allocated sites should respect the Borough's landscape and settlement character.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in	-?	The reserve sites listed in this policy have been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and all apart from one of the sites were found to have at

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
and around the Borough.		least minor negative effects on biodiversity. A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified overall although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the sites come forward. It is also recognised that development of the reserve sites is required to comply with Policy SS3 which states that new development of houses outside of allocated sites should respect ecological, and biodiversity features and provide mitigation to prevent any potential harm.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	The reserve sites listed in this policy have been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and all of the sites were found to have potential or likely negligible effects on the historic environment as there are no heritage-related issues at the sites that could not be mitigated. A potential negligible effect is therefore identified overall although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the sites come forward. It is also recognised that development of the reserve sites is required to comply with Policy SS3 which states that new development of houses outside of allocated sites should respect heritage features and provide mitigation to prevent any potential harm.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+/-	The reserve sites listed in this policy have been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and the effects on this objective were very mixed as a number of the sites are on brownfield land but others are on greenfield land within areas of high quality agricultural land. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The reserve sites listed in this policy are located mostly within Melton Mowbray and the larger villages of the Borough with no sites identified in the smaller Rural Settlements. As such the identified sites are more likely to provide good access to community services and facilities and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, particularly because the policy also requires that developments comply with Policy SS3 which states that the development should be served by sustainable infrastructure and or provide new infrastructure or services which might include community facilities.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+/-	This policy identifies reserve sites for housing development, half of which are on greenfield land where opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials are likely to be limited and half of which are on brownfield sites which may offer opportunities of this nature. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
infrastructure to enable economic growth.		
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The reserve sites listed in this policy are located mostly within Melton Mowbray and the larger villages of the Borough with no sites identified in the smaller Rural Settlements. As such the identified sites are more likely to provide access to existing healthcare facilities as well as open spaces (as reflected in the SA findings for the individual reserve site policies) and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect may be enhanced given that there is a requirement to comply with Policy SS3 which states that the development should be served by sustainable infrastructure and or provide new infrastructure or services which might include healthcare facilities.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The reserve sites listed in this policy are located mostly within Melton Mowbray and the larger villages of the Borough with no sites identified in the smaller Rural Settlements. As such the identified sites are more likely to provide access to existing sustainable transport links and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect may be enhanced given that there is a requirement to comply with Policy SS3 which states that the development should be served by sustainable infrastructure and or provide new infrastructure or services which is likely to include public transport provisions.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	The reserve sites listed in this policy have been subject to SA individually, taking into account the site allocations policies in Appendix D of the Local Plan, and four of the sites were found to have minor negative effects on flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore identified overall. It is noted that development of reserve sites is to be undertaken in line with Policy SS3 which requires that there is no increase in risk flood.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The scale of development resulting from the reserve sites listed in this policy would inevitably result in an increase in the consumption of water although this issue would also be influenced by factors such as the behaviour of residents and how well water efficiency measures are incorporated into the developments, which is not known at this stage. All of the allocated sites were found to have negligible effects on water quality as they are located away from Source Protection Zones; therefore an overall negligible effect is identified.

Policy C2: Housing mix

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	This policy requires developments to provide a mix of house types and sizes to address local needs, in particular the need for more small, entry level homes and housing for the elderly. The requirement for housing developments of 11 or more new dwellings to provide an appropriate mix and size of houses should result in the provision of a range of housing to accommodate different groups. The support the policy gives for residential developments which include bungalows will be of particular benefit in the Borough considering the current lack of smaller homes and the aging local population. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	This policy requires developments to provide a mix of housing types and sizes within developments of 10 or more dwellings. The policy also contains support for residential developments which include bungalows which may be of benefit to those who need smaller homes as well as older people in particular. This may have a positive effect on social inclusion by ensuring that communities contain a mix of people and by enabling elderly or disabled people to remain in their own homes. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	This policy seeks to ensure that housing of various types is provided within new residential developments, including homes that are appropriate for the elderly and disabled people as well as care homes and sheltered homes. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

Policy C3: National space standard and smaller dwellings

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	This policy supports residential developments where the national space standard is applied to dwellings with up to and including 3 bedrooms. The national space standard is not included in the Building Regulations, therefore applying the standard supplements the requirements set out there. The policy will help to ensure that there are more small homes in Melton that are of an attractive standard in terms of the internal space which may encourage older people to down-size - this would realise more family sized homes on to the market. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

Policy C4: Affordable housing provision

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	This policy will result in the provision of affordable housing at sites of eleven or more dwellings across all areas identified for housing within the Plan at a targeted amount of 37%. As such this approach should result in the provision of housing which is affordable to local residents; this is of particular relevance when it is considered that the affordability issue in Melton means that to buy one of the cheapest 25% of homes sold in the Borough, residents currently need to earn more than the national average wage. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
have access to education.		
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and	+	Ensuring that affordable housing is available to meet the needs of people who may be unable to afford a property otherwise (for example first time buyers) will have a minor positive effect on social inclusion.

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cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

Policy C5: Affordable housing through rural exception sites

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	This policy would allow for the provision of affordable housing in rural areas (where the population is 3,000 people or less) where there is a demonstrable need from people with a local connection, and the housing would remain as affordable in perpetuity. As Starter Homes could not be held in perpetuity as affordable housing they would not be provided on rural exception sites. This approach would deliver housing to meet local needs and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	-	This policy would provide housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough. These areas are less likely to provide good access to existing services and facilities including schools and colleges and as such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	This policy would provide housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough. These areas are less likely to provide good access to public transport links and are more to not be within close proximity of essential services and facilities. Residents at these locations are therefore less likely to make use of alternative forms of transport (walking or cycling) over car use and as such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	This policy would provide housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough. These areas are less likely to provide residents, particularly those without a car, with convenient access to existing employment opportunities and as such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	--?	This policy would provide housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough in locations where they would not normally be allowed, in order to meet local needs for affordable housing. Given the rural nature of the Borough and the importance of the countryside in defining

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
landscape.		the local landscape character there is potential for this type of exceptions housing to be detrimental to the overall character of Melton. The supporting text of the policy, however, requires that development at these types of locations reflects the character and scale of the settlement meaning mitigation in relation to adverse impacts on the local landscape may be incorporated. As such a potential but uncertain significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective although effects will be determined mainly by the location and design of the development.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	This policy would provide for housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough where it would not normally be permitted in order to meet local needs for affordable housing. Such development may be on greenfield land which is more likely to be of benefit to local biodiversity than previously developed brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until specific proposals come forward.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	This policy would provide for housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough where it would not normally be permitted in order to meet local needs for affordable housing. Such development would be more likely to proceed on greenfield land, much of which in Melton is of good agricultural quality (grade 3 agricultural land and above). A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective although effects will be determined mainly by the location of the development.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+ + / -	This policy would provide for housing development at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough in order to meet local needs for affordable housing. This will have a positive effect on social inclusion by enabling first time buyers and young families to remain in rural communities rather than being priced out. However, this policy would also result in housing at more rural locations where access to community facilities is likely to be poor. As such a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+ +	This policy would provide for housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough in order to meet local needs for affordable housing. As Starter Homes could not be held in perpetuity as affordable housing they would not be provided on rural exception sites. However it is expected that this type of provision will help to secure economic inclusion and reduce social deprivation (barriers to housing is considered as an important part of assessing how deprived a given area is) in the Borough. A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
crime.		
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	This policy would provide housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough. These areas are less likely to provide good access to existing services and facilities including healthcare facilities and as such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	-	This policy would provide housing at more rural locations (settlements with a population of less than 3,000) in the Borough. These locations are less likely to provide good levels of access to existing public transport links, employment opportunities or essential services and facilities. As such, residents are more likely to be required to make journeys by car which would be detrimental to local air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy C6: Gypsies and Travellers

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of	++	The policy will help to ensure that sites are available to meet the identified needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the Borough as per the evidence of the Leicestershire GTAA 2016. This document has identified a need for two permanent residential pitches between April 2016 and March 2021 and one permanent residential pitch

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
the Borough.		between April 2021 and March 2026. There is no further requirement for any pitches from April 2026 through to 2036. The criteria set out in the policy will combine to ensure that any applications that come forward for additional sites are of a high standard. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The policy requires sites for Gypsies and Travellers to be well-related in relation to local infrastructure and services, and to provide safe and convenient access to the road network. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-/+?	The provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers could have a negative effect on the landscape, in the same way that any form of new development might. However, the policy indicates that no further sites of this type will be needed over the Plan period and does not make any site allocations. If this situation is to change any impact on the local landscape will depend upon the exact location of new Traveller sites which is unknown at this stage. The policy however requires sites for Gypsies and Travellers to be appropriate in scale, provide for suitable landscaping and be well designed, which should reduce the potential for impacts on the landscape. A mixed (minor negative/minor positive) effect is likely overall and there is uncertainty attached until the location of any future additional sites is known.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-/+?	The provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers could have a negative effect on biodiversity and geodiversity features, in the same way that any form of new development might. However, the Policy indicates that no further sites of this type will be needed over the Plan period and does not make any site allocations. If this situation is to change any impact on biodiversity will depend upon the exact location of new Traveller sites

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		which is unknown at this stage.. In addition, new development may offer opportunities to incorporate biodiversity enhancements such as green infrastructure provision. A mixed (minor negative/minor positive) effect is therefore identified overall and there is uncertainty attached until the location and design of any further sites is known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-/+?	The provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers could have a negative effect on local heritage assets and their setting, in the same way that any form of new development might. However, the Policy indicates that no further sites of this type will be needed over the Plan period and does not make any site allocations. If this situation is to change any impact on the local heritage assets will depend upon the exact location of new Traveller sites which is unknown at this stage. The policy requires sites for Gypsies and Travellers to be appropriate in scale, provide for suitable landscaping and be well designed, which should reduce the potential for impacts on the local heritage assets and their settings. A mixed (minor negative/minor positive) effect is therefore identified overall and there is uncertainty attached until the location of any further new sites is known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	?	The provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers could result in the loss of high quality agricultural land, in the same way that any form of new development might. However, the Policy indicates that no further sites of this type will be needed over the Plan period and does not make any site allocations. If this situation is to change any impact on land and soils will be dependent upon the exact location of Traveller sites which is unknown at this stage. An uncertain effect is therefore identified.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy supports sites for Gypsies and Travellers that will promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.		
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	Although the policy does not address the provision of Traveller sites in relation to healthcare facilities and open spaces it does require that this type of provision is made at locations which would provide an acceptable living environment for occupiers free from pollution; hazards or other adverse impacts on standards of living. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	The policy supports sites for Gypsies and Travellers where they are free from flooding. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy C7: Rural services

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The policy supports the protection, retention and enhancement of rural services, and it is specified in the policy that schools are included. Therefore, the closure or change of use of a school would only be permitted in certain circumstances where it can be demonstrated that the facility is no longer viable or there are alternative facilities in the village which would fulfil the role. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The policy seeks to protect, retain and enhance rural services which will therefore reduce the need for people to undertake longer journeys by car and therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective because the policy will help to retain the jobs associated with rural services and facilities by avoiding their closure.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to	++	This policy encourages the protection, retention and enhancement of community services in Melton. This will ensure that residents in rural areas have access to services and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The provision, protection and enhancement of community services in rural communities through this policy will have a minor positive effect on social inclusion and cohesion.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy supports the protection, retention and enhancement of rural services, and it is specified in the policy that health services are included. Therefore, the closure or change of use of a healthcare facility would only be permitted in certain circumstances where it can be demonstrated that the facility is no longer viable or there are alternative facilities in the village which would fulfil the role. In addition, retaining rural services will enable more people to walk and cycle shorter distances to access these facilities, as opposed to undertaking longer journeys by car. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The policy seeks to protect, retain and enhance rural services which will therefore reduce the need for people to undertake longer journeys by car and therefore a minor positive effect is likely in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy C8: Self build and custom build housing

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	This policy supports the development of self-build properties in the Borough. The requirement for developers on large sites to supply at least 5% of dwelling plots to self-builders or custom builders will enable people to develop homes that meet their particular needs. Given the demand for self-build (the supporting text states that local chartered surveyors have up to three enquiries per week from self-builders), this policy approach should help to supply land for a much sought after part of the housing sector. Plots are to be of a size at least equal to that of those for detached dwellings of 2-3 bedrooms and should be marketed for at least 12 months, meaning self-build properties are more likely to come forward. This approach will also allow for dwellings to satisfy a number of different types of residences to be developed within the Borough. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy provides support for self-build developments within or adjacent to the built form of settlements in keeping with the surrounding area, which is expected to reduce negative impacts on the rural landscape of the Borough and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy requires that developments of five self-build or custom build dwellings in a single site location are completed in accordance with an agreed design code. Development of this type which is within or adjacent to the built form of a settlement is to be in keeping with the surrounding area. As such this approach should help to minimise potential for adverse effects on surrounding heritage assets and their settings. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy provides support for self-build proposals for community schemes in the Borough and as such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy C9: Healthy communities

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	This policy requires that developments makes a contribution towards the creation of 'healthy homes' which are affordable. This should result in the development of higher quality homes, as issues such as natural light and space would be taken into account. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
have access to education.		
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	This policy provides for developments which are located within range of employment opportunities in accessible locations, while being well integrated within a safe and convenient network of streets with good public transport provisions. It also encourages walking and cycling to contribute towards health objectives. As such residents may be encouraged to make use of public transport networks and other alternative forms of transport and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	This policy requires development proposals to make a positive contribution towards a range of employment opportunities which are within accessible locations. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	Some of the measures in this policy could have a positive effect on biodiversity as it encourages development to contribute towards green spaces and encourages the use of edible landscaping, garden plots and allotments which may provide habitat for biodiversity enhancements.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and	+	This policy seeks to maximise opportunities for social interaction by ensuring that development proposals make a positive contribution to the provision of facilities such as sport and recreation facilities. It also seeks

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		to better connect homes and shops, schools, healthcare, leisure and other facilities via sustainable modes of transport which will improve access for people without a car. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	This policy seeks to ensure that development is located where it will provide a good level of access to a range of employment opportunities and recreational facilities. As such residents are likely to have good access local employment opportunities and facilities which should allow for social inclusion and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	This policy requires developments to contribute towards the delivery of a safe network of streets, paths and cycle paths; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The overall aim of this policy is to ensure that new development in Melton makes a positive contribution to health and well-being. The policy requires that development is considered in relation to its health implications in terms of access to essential facilities, employment opportunities and green spaces. Where requested by the Local Planning Authority, developments would be required to complete a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and also contribute towards local healthcare provision where there would be an impact upon the capacity of existing provision. It is also recommended that a Rapid Health Impact Assessment should be undertaken at larger developments of over 1,000 homes. The policy also seeks to enable more people to walk and cycle day to day, participate in society more activity and engage in local food production. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	This policy seeks to deliver development that is located within safe and accessible networks of streets, paths and footpaths and within areas which are accessible of green spaces, recreational facilities and employment opportunities. This approach may reduce the need to travel by private car in Melton which should benefit local air quality. The policy also requires that development specifically be considerate of local air quality with new development in AQMAs required to provide an air quality assessment where appropriate. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	This policy requires development proposals to make a contribution towards the delivery of 'healthy homes' in Melton, one of the criteria for which is that they are to be safe from flooding. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Economy

Policy EC1: Employment growth in Melton Mowbray

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective by stimulating enterprise in the Borough with associated opportunities such as apprenticeships.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The policy allocates land for employment uses at Asfordby Business Park, Pera Business Park and as part of the sustainable urban extension to the south of Melton Mowbray. While Asfordby Business Park is less accessible than the other two locations, it is within walking distance (600m) of the proposed northern sustainable urban extension at Melton Mowbray therefore may provide accessible employment opportunities for people there. The employment use at the southern sustainable urban extension will be located in close proximity of the residential development proposed as part of that development and Pera Business Park is located towards the centre of Melton Mowbray on Nottingham Road with numerous existing residential properties in close proximity which should encourage residents to access the site by more sustainable modes of transport. The policy also requires that allocated and non-allocated sites are located in areas that are easily accessible by walking, cycling and public transport. The requirement of the policy to adopt a sequential approach to town centre uses where offices are proposed should also result in employment uses

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		being focussed in central areas where more people can access employment opportunities by walking and via exiting sustainable transport links. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The policy allocates three sites for employment development which will result in a supply of 30.29ha of employment land. This will go a long way towards satisfying the identified need for 50.75ha of employment land in Melton up to 2036 given that a 'realistic deliverable supply' of 19.46ha has previously been identified. The allocated sites are all either located within close proximity of existing residential properties or are located in close proximity to the allocated urban extensions to the north and south of Melton Mowbray; therefore jobs should be easily accessible for many people. The policy also requires that new employment uses are easily accessible by walking, cycling and public transport services. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	This policy allocates land for employment use in the Borough. Melton Borough is distinctly rural in character and the loss of greenfield land to employment uses (as proposed by the policy, particularly at the southern urban extension) is expected to have a significant negative effect on local landscape character. However, this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the sites come forward given that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation measures to reduce any potential negative impacts.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The policy would result in the allocation a total of 30.29ha of land for employment use in the Borough. This scale of development could have a negative effect on local biodiversity in terms of disturbance during the construction and operational phases and there may be indirect effects as a result of air pollution caused by commuting and commercial traffic (although it recognised that this effect may be reduced given that employment uses should be accessible by walking, cycling and public transport according to the policy, and because approximately 1/3 of the land allocated is on existing brownfield land at Asfordby Business Park). The southern Melton Mowbray sustainable urban extension site is located in close proximity to the Leicester Road Grassland Local Wildlife Site and Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings Local Wildlife Site meaning there is potential for negative impacts from this specific employment site. Therefore, significant negative effect is likely. This however is uncertain until specific proposals for the sites come forward given that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation measures to reduce any potential negative impacts or even allow for potential improvements through the incorporation of green infrastructure etc.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	--?	One of the allocated employment sites, the southern Melton Mowbray sustainable urban extension, is located within fairly close proximity of a Scheduled Monument to the south east by Melton Road on the approach to Burton Lazars although the site is not directly connected with the Scheduled Monument. This designation includes St Mary and St Lazarus Hospital. The closest Listed Building to this urban extension is Chestnut Farmhouse which is a Grade II Listed Building within Burton Lazars to the south east. The policy also proposes economic development at Asfordby Business Park which is within close proximity of a number of Grade II Listed Buildings including the Church of Bartholomew and Grange Cottage, although it is recognised that the proposal is not for the outward expansion of the Business Park; rather development on existing brownfield land. As such there could be a significant negative effect on this SA objective due to potential impacts on the setting of these designate heritage assets although this is uncertain until specific proposals for

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		employment development come forward.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The sites allocated for employment development in this policy, particularly the 20ha within the sustainable urban extension to the south of Melton Mowbray, cover large areas of greenfield land which is mainly Grade 3 Agricultural Quality (although some development is proposed on brownfield land). The development of these sites would therefore result in the loss of a large amount of high quality agricultural land. In addition, part of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area (MCA) is located in close proximity to the sustainable urban extension to the south of Melton Mowbray towards its north western edge by Kirkby Lane. The close proximity of this MCA to an area which has been identified for employment related development may result in the sterilisation of or restriction to minerals although it may be possible to explore opportunities for prior extraction. Overall, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The policy will result in a supply of 30.29ha of employment land across three allocated sites which will assist in satisfying the identified need for 50.75ha of employment land up until 2036 given that a 'realistic deliverable supply' of 19.46ha has previously been identified. The allocated sites are located within close proximity of existing and proposed areas of residential development; therefore a large number of residents should be able to access a range of new employment opportunities proposed for Melton Mowbray and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	This policy allocates 30.29ha of employment land across three sites. These sites are located in areas which are located within close proximity of existing and proposed residential properties and the policy requires that employment uses are accessible by public transport, walking and cycling which should help to reduce congestion in the Borough. The supporting text to the policy also highlights that an effective link from Asfordby Business Park to the arterial roads out of the town will have to be secured by St Bartholomew's Way and as such this site should be provided with required supporting infrastructure necessary for continued growth to be facilitated. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	This policy supports employment development which is located in areas which are accessible by walking and cycling. This approach may help to encourage healthier lifestyles amongst residents and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The policy addresses the provision of employment land within Melton Mowbray. Although new employment development at the allocated sites will inevitably result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and could affect air quality (depending on the nature of commercial activities at the sites), the three allocated sites are located in close proximity to existing and proposed areas of residential development which will reduce emissions from commuting as people may be able to live and work within closer proximity and travel via sustainable modes of transport. The policy itself supports proposals that would allow for these more sustainable modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This policy allocates sites for employment development in Melton Mowbray at Asfordby Business Park and the sustainable urban extension to the south of Melton Mowbray. These sites are not within areas of high flood risk and only the sustainable urban extension to the south of Melton Mowbray is located in close proximity to flood zones 2 and 3 towards its western boundary by Eye Kettleby but it is anticipated that this small area can be avoided. However, the development of these sites would collectively involve a sizeable loss of greenfield land which could reduce infiltration and increase runoff. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy EC2: Employment growth in the rural area (outside of Melton Mowbray)

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

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3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	-	A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective considering that new development sites in the rural villages are expected to provide for car parking on site or in close proximity. As such these sites may become more accessible to a higher number of people but this type of provision may reduce the extent to which residents make use of more sustainable modes of transport.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The policy promotes employment growth in rural areas through supporting proposals that allow new employment land to be provided in rural service centres and other rural settlements. The policy also supports rural employment proposals that create or safeguard jobs including the re-use of existing farm buildings, schemes for farm diversification, small-scale tourism proposals, the expansion of existing rural businesses and use of land for agriculture, forestry and equestrian activity. As such a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy provides support for employment growth in rural areas which could risk effects on the landscape and character of rural areas. However, the policy requires that proposals must be of an appropriate scale for their location which should help to protect local landscape character. As such a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The policy does not include consideration for local biodiversity and locally important habitats and has the potential to increase the level of economic development at rural locations where important habitats are more likely to be located. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on the eventual location of development in relation to biodiversity and geodiversity assets.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The policy states that support will be given to proposals that re-use existing farm buildings. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	Through supporting new businesses and business expansion in rural areas, the policy will help to secure economic inclusion. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	Through supporting business growth and expansion proposals, the policy provides the necessary physical conditions for development to take place. Car parking provisions are to be made on site or within close proximity and this type of provision should be important in terms of supporting economic development at rural locations. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	-	A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective considering that new development sites in the rural villages are expected to provide for car parking on site or in close proximity. As such local people may be discouraged from making journeys by alternative modes of transport which may otherwise have helped to encourage residents to partake of more active life choices. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	-	A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective considering that new development sites in the rural villages are expected to provide for car parking on site or in close proximity. As such local people may be discouraged from making journeys by alternative modes of transport which may otherwise have helped to reduce air pollution. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	?	The policy does not specifically address flood risk; however it encourages proposals that would involve re-using existing farm buildings. This should help to reduce the loss of permeable surfaces through new developments. However, the effects are largely uncertain depending on the location of development

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elsewhere.		proposals.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EC3: Existing employment sites

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++/-	<p>The policy safeguards a number of current employment sites and other key employment sites in Melton the Main Urban Area in the Borough. The majority of these sites are located in close proximity to the existing residential development in Melton Mowbray (Melton and Kettleby Foods, Leicester Road Estate, Saxby Road Area, Snow Hill Industrial Estate and MARS UK) or the residential development proposed as part of the sustainable urban extension north of Melton Mowbray (Asfordby Business Park, Holwell Works and Stanton PLC). The safeguarded sites are also located close to public transport links which may help to encourage residents to make use of alternative modes of transport. Three sites, Normanton Lane and Orston Lane as well Hickling Lane Employments Sites are located in close proximity of Bottesford or Long Clawson respectively both of which are Service Centres where an increase number of existing residents are located. Two sites, Crown Business Park and Old Dalby Trading Estate are located within close proximity of Old Dalby which is a smaller Rural Supporter settlement and so there are reduced numbers of residential properties and transport links close by. Two sites Six Hill Business Area and Burrough Court are located within close proximity of the Rural Settlements of Six Hills and Burrough on the Hill where a reduced number of residents are present and very little or no services currently exist. The final site, Masterfoods HQ, is located more than 1km from the nearest settlement which is Waltham on the Wolds to the north. As such, employment uses being safeguarded in those locations may result in ongoing car use.</p> <p>The policy, however, requires that employment uses are not changed to non-employment uses unless the</p>

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		site in question is not well related to existing centres or accessible by public transport, walking and cycling. This should help to retain employment development which is located in areas which may encourage these alternative modes of transport. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The policy seeks to safeguard employment sites in the Borough, preventing their change of use unless they are no longer economically viable for employment purposes (as demonstrated by an acceptable viability study) in the long term. This policy should therefore result in the continued provision of land for employment land in Melton and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	This policy protects a number of existing employment sites within the Borough from change of use but would not result in new development. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	This policy protects a number of existing employment sites within the Borough from change of use but would not result in new development. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	This policy protects a number of existing employment sites within the Borough from change of use but would not result in new development. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	This policy protects a number of existing employment sites within the Borough from change of use but would not result in new development. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	This policy relates to safeguarding of existing employment sites and allocations within the Borough. It is not expected to impact upon the provision of community facilities in the Borough. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	+	This policy seeks to prevent the loss of employment land in the Borough by safeguarding existing sites. This will help to maintain employment levels and avoid poverty and economic exclusion. A minor positive effect is

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inclusion.		therefore expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	This policy relates to safeguarding of existing employment sites and allocations within the Borough. It is not expected to impact upon local crime and community safety which is more likely to be addressed through design considerations. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	This policy protects a number of existing employment sites within the Borough from change of use but would not result in new development. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	This policy would safeguard identified sites for employment uses. As such potential employers considering investment in the local area might have more confidence of securing land which is in the appropriate use class to provide local employment opportunities. Residents in the area will therefore be provided with more opportunities for employment and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	This policy protects employment land at a number of identified sites. The majority of these sites are located in close proximity to the Main Urban Area of the Borough at Melton Mowbray (Melton and Kettleby Foods, Leicester Road Estate, Saxby Road Area, Snow Hill Industrial Estate and MARS UK), the residential development proposed as part of the sustainable urban extension to the north of Melton Mowbray (Asfordby Business Park, Holwell Works and Stanton PLC) or within the Service Centres of Bottesford (Normanton Lane and Orston Lane) or Long Clawson (Hickling Lane Employments Sites) where the largest concentration of residential properties in the Borough is found. As such, people may be able to walk and cycle to work, to the benefit of their health. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+/-	The policy safeguards a number of current employment sites in Melton for employment uses. The majority of these sites are located in close proximity to the existing residential development in Melton Mowbray (Melton and Kettleby Foods, Leicester Road Estate, Saxby Road Area, Snow Hill Industrial Estate and MARS UK), within the residential development proposed as part of the sustainable urban extension to the north of Melton Mowbray (Asfordby Business Park, Holwell Works and Stanton PLC) or within the Service Centres of Bottesford (Normanton Lane and Orston Lane) or Long Clawson (Hickling Lane Employments Sites). The sites are also close to public transport links which may help people to make use of alternative modes of transport to the benefit of local air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. Two sites, Crown Business Park and Old Dalby Trading Estate are located within close proximity of Old Dalby which is a smaller Rural Supporter settlement and as such the site is located further from high concentrations of residential properties and transport links in comparison to settlements of a higher order. Two sites Six Hill Business Area and Burrough Court are located within close proximity of the Rural Settlements of Six Hills and Burrough on the Hill where a reduced number of residents are present and very little or no services currently exist. The final site, Masterfoods HQ, is located more than 1km from the nearest settlement which is Waltham on the Wolds to the north. As such these sites outside of Melton Mowbray will be located in areas where residents may

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		<p>have to make use of private cars to a greater degree to access them and therefore this may have detrimental impacts on local air quality.</p> <p>The policy, however, requires that employment uses are not changed to non-employment uses unless the site in question is not well related to existing centres or accessible by public transport, walking and cycling. This should help to retain employment development in areas where it is possible to use these alternative forms of transport and thus help to reduce any negative impacts on local air quality. Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.</p>
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This policy protects a number of existing employment sites within the Borough from change of use but would not result in new development. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This policy protects a number of existing employment sites within the Borough from change of use but would not result in new development. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

Policy EC4: Other Employment and Mixed-use Proposals

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+?	The policy addresses employment and mixed use development. This type of development may contain an element of residential development which may help to supply an appropriate mix of dwelling types and sizes as well as affordable homes depending upon the decision of developers. As such this approach may help to supplement the residential allocations made in Policy C3 of the Local Plan and a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy addresses employment and mixed use development which contains elements of employment use in the Borough. It would not affect the provision of education facilities in Melton. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people	+/-	The policy supports employment and mixed use development in locations which can easily be accessed by public transport, walking and cycling. This approach is expected to result in a minor positive effect on this SA objective. However, the policy also supports development at out of town centre locations where it is deemed that the use in question is not more appropriate in town centre locations. As such, development may be located in areas which are located further from residential population thus encouraging travel by car. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in combination within the minor positive effect already

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can make sustainable transport choices.		highlighted and overall a mixed effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The policy supports appropriate proposals for employment use or mixed use schemes which are outside existing or allocated sites. This policy addresses 'speculative' employment sites and proposals for mixed uses incorporating employment and as such provides additional flexibility to the Local Plan allowing for consideration for sites outside those already allocated. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+/-	The policy supports appropriate proposals for employment use or mixed use schemes which are outside existing or allocated sites and therefore could result in development in areas of higher landscape sensitivity. However, the policy requires that proposals do not adversely affect land which is of particular significance to the form and character settlements in the Borough. As such an overall mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is likely on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The policy supports appropriate proposals for employment use or mixed use schemes which are outside existing or allocated sites and therefore could result in development in areas which are of biodiversity importance. A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The policy supports appropriate proposals for employment use or mixed use schemes which are outside existing or allocated sites and therefore could result in development in areas which are important in terms of the setting of local heritage assets and the quality of the built environment. A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The policy addresses employment and mixed use development which contains elements of employment use in the Borough. It promotes development proposals for employment use or mixed use schemes which are outside existing or allocated sites. Given that this approach would allow permissions for more speculative proposals development could result on greenfield sites and therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on specific proposals that come forward.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0?	The policy addresses employment and mixed use development which contains elements of employment use in the Borough. This approach would not directly result in the provision of community facilities in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that mixed use developments promoted by the policy may contain community uses.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	+?	The policy supports mixed use development proposals which may include residential uses with an appropriate mix of dwelling types and sizes, including affordable housing to meet local needs. The provision of this affordable housing would help to supplement the main component of affordable housing which is required

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inclusion.		through other policies but would be dependent upon the decision of developers to including housing as part of any mixed use scheme. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	The policy provides support for proposals for employment and mixed use development outside of allocated sites which would supplement the employment land already allocated. It should allow for a flexible approach to employment development in the Borough and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	This policy requires proposals for employment and mixed use developments to be located in areas which are easily accessible by walking and cycling and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+/-	The policy supports development which is located in areas which can easily be easily by public transport, walking and cycling. This approach is expected to result in a minor positive effect on this SA objective given that this would help to prevent any increase in greenhouse gas emissions or detrimental impacts to air quality. However, the policy also supports development at out of town centre locations where it is deemed that the use in question is not more appropriate in town centre locations. As such, development may be located in areas which are located further from residential areas, thus encouraging travel by car with the associated impacts on local air quality and the Borough's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in combination within the minor positive effect already highlighted and overall a mixed effect is expected on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

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efficient use of water resources.		

Policy EC5: Melton Mowbray Town Centre

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/-?	The policy seeks to focus retail growth within Melton Mowbray town centre which is relatively well-served by public transport. The policy, however, requires proposals to make adequate provision for car parking where possible and appropriate which may facilitate ongoing car use depending on how this is defined by the Council. As such, mixed effects are likely overall as the location of the development would mean there is access to public transport (minor positive effect) but car use could be encouraged through providing car parking spaces (minor but uncertain negative effect).
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The policy seeks to support the economy of Melton Mowbray town centre and avoids out of town development which would be detrimental to the health of the town centre. The policy takes into account findings from the Retail Study (as per the supporting text of the policy) and favours A1 over A2-5 development as the town centre is still a destination to buy goods and services, despite a decline in this nationally. Through the provision of retail development, employment opportunities should result from this policy. As such a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	A minor positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective as the policy notes that any new retail or leisure development in the town centre must be sympathetic to the numerous heritage assets within and adjacent to the town centre. The policy also requires development to enhance the compact, legible and walkable character of town centre.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy seeks to focus town centre uses including retail development in Melton Mowbray town centre and to avoid inappropriate out of centre development which would be less accessible. A minor positive effect on access to facilities is therefore likely.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	Through the provision of development in Melton Mowbray town centre, the policy promotes economic inclusion as the town centre is accessible by public transport and so a minor positive effect is expected.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	Melton Mowbray town centre is the main destination for shopping and leisure within the Borough and the policy seeks to retain and enhance the viability and vitality of this area. The policy recognises Melton Mowbray's resistance to town centre decline and encourages A1 retail uses and allows for A2-5 uses only if it can be proven that they will not have an adverse impact on the character and/or sustainability of the primary frontage. Additionally, the policy recognises that the physical appearance of development is also an

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		important influence on maintaining economic growth and it requires proposals to enhance the compact, legible and walkable character of town centre, maintain a vibrant and active continuous shop frontage in and around the retail core and incorporate a high quality of shop front and advertisement design. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on health because focussing retail and other town centre development in Melton Mowbray town centre instead of out of centre locations is likely to enable higher levels of walking and cycling.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport and improving air quality as it seeks to focus retail development and other town centre uses in the centre of Melton Mowbray, avoiding out of centre development which is likely to result in higher levels of car use.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EC6: Primary Shopping Frontages

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
have access to education.		
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The policy seeks to focus the majority of A1 retail uses within the Primary Shopping Frontages of Melton Mowbray town centre which is relatively well-served by public transport. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The policy seeks to focus the majority of A1 retail uses within the Primary Shopping Frontages of Melton Mowbray town centre. It allows for other uses within these areas if the grouping of these uses would not undermine the retail role of the frontage and if they make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the Primary Shopping Area. This policy should help to encourage repeat visits by shoppers to the Primary Shopping Area by maintaining its vitality which in turn should mean investment in the Borough is likely to be continued. As such a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy allows for uses other than A1 retail within the Primary Shopping Area where the proposed use (as well as meeting other criteria) would positively restore and/or enhance the character and appearance of the unit. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct impact on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and	0	The policy addresses mostly the provision of A1 retail use within the Primary Shopping Area of Melton. As such it is unlikely to impact upon the provision of community facilities locally and a negligible effect is

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		therefore recorded for this SA objective,
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy seeks to focus the majority of A1 retail uses within the Primary Shopping Frontages of Melton Mowbray town centre. As such this approach promotes economic inclusion as the town centre is accessible by public transport and so a minor positive effect is expected.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	Melton Mowbray town centre is the main destination for shopping within the Borough and the policy seeks to retain and enhance the viability and vitality of this area by focusing the majority of A1 retail uses in the Primary Shopping Frontages here. Other uses are to be allowed in these locations only when they would make a positive contribution to Primary Shopping Area vitality and viability and they would not undermine the retail role of the shopping frontage areas. This approach is likely to encourage local economic investment within the identified Primary Shopping Area and as such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on health because focussing the majority of A1 retail uses in the Primary Shopping Area of Melton Mowbray town centre instead of at out of centre locations is likely to enable higher levels of walking and cycling.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport and improving air quality as it seeks to focus the majority of retail A1 uses in the Primary Shopping Area of at the centre of Melton Mowbray, thus avoiding out of centre development which is likely to result in higher levels of car use.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EC7: Retail Development in the Borough

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The policy supports town centre development in settlements with an existing retail offer, provided that the development can be fully integrated. As such, a minor positive effect is likely as development central location would be most likely accessible by walking and cycling and have existing public transport links.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The policy supports retail development within settlement centres in Melton where an existing retail offer is provided. This approach could stimulate investment in the Borough and as such help to stimulate the creation of local employment opportunities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
quality and character of the landscape.		
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy supports retail development that is of an appropriate scale, is physically integrated and does not have an adverse impact on the character of the village at which it is provided. This will help to conserve the historic assets within settlements and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The policy supports retail development in centres in favour of less central locations, which will help to reduce greenfield development and a minor positive effect is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy supports appropriate retail development located in settlement centres where an existing retail offer is provided which are likely to be more accessible locations. Public transport provisions are likely to be stronger at these locations also. This approach may help to promote social inclusion and so a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy supports retail development within settlement centres in Melton where an existing retail offer is provided. This approach may help to stimulate employment opportunities, thereby reducing poverty and economic exclusion. As such a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
infrastructure to enable economic growth.		
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EC8: Sustainable Tourism

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of	+	This policy directs tourism attractions and facilities of a significant scale towards areas which are firstly within the town centres, then on the edge of town centres and then at other accessible locations. Locating facilities

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		which are likely to draw large numbers of people in areas which are more accessible by public transport will help to encourage residents and visitors to make sustainable transport choices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	This policy supports the appropriate development of facilities for cultural, visitor and tourism uses. These uses are to include accommodation and tourist attractions and, given the contribution that tourism makes to the local economy (in 2015, £85.4 million was generated in Melton through visitor and tourism business expenditure), this approach is expected to benefit the creation of new employment opportunities within Melton. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. However, it is noted that employment resulting from tourism is often seasonal and low paid.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy states that proposals should be of an appropriate scale and this approach should help to minimise adverse effects on the local landscape. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy does not give broad protection to heritage assets in the Borough however it does specifically protect Belvoir Castle which is a Grade II Listed Building. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	+	This policy supports appropriate tourism development which may result in the provision of facilities that are also of value to local people (for example new museums, cafes or meeting places). A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	This policy supports appropriate tourism development and so should result in employment provision, helping to reduce poverty and secure economic inclusion. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+/-	This approach supports the appropriate provision of new facilities (including new attractions) for tourism within the Borough. Larger attractions are to be provided in more accessible locations (firstly town centres, then town centre edges and then other accessible locations) which may benefit local air quality. Drawing increased numbers of tourists to Melton, however, is likely to result in an increased need for travelling by private car in the area, if only to access the Borough from other locations to begin with. This is expected to be to the detriment of local air quality. As such a mixed overall effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
efficient use of water resources.		

Environment

Policy EN1: Landscape

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	This policy relates to the enhancement and protection of Melton's landscape and countryside. The policy requires that development is sensitive of landscape setting and should not affect areas of tranquillity within the Borough. Certain types of industry uses which might result in new employment opportunities in the Borough may negatively impact upon local tranquillity and landscape character and therefore may be incompatible with this policy. As such a minor negative effect may occur in relation to this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	++	This policy requires new development to be sensitive to its landscape setting as defined in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. New development is also required to

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
landscape.		be respectful of existing landscape character and tranquillity (including consideration for disturbance from light pollution) and as such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	This policy relates to the protection of the landscape character within Melton. With this aim, the policy requires that new development protects important trees, hedges, vegetation and water areas. These areas may have value for wildlife and their protection is therefore expected to benefit local biodiversity. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	This policy relates to the protection of the landscape character within Melton and provides protection for important settings. This is likely to have a positive effect on the setting of heritage assets.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
economic growth.		
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on health because it requires developments to not affect areas of tranquillity which are of value for recreation – this should encourage and enable ongoing active outdoor recreation, with benefits for public health.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EN2: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity within the Borough and there may also be indirect minor positive effects on local landscape character, for example by protecting and enhancing areas of habitat such as open spaces.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	++	The primary purpose of this policy is to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity within the Borough. This approach is to allow for the proactive habitat creation at new developments. Ecologically sensitive areas are also to be protected and development which contributes to wildlife networks is to be supported. This process will be supported by the use of planning conditions and obligations. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity within the Borough and there may also be indirect minor positive effects on heritage assets, for example by protecting and enhancing areas of habitat such as open spaces which can contribute to the setting of heritage features.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	The measures in this policy seeking to protect and enhance biodiversity should have a minor positive effect on flood risk management, in particular the maintenance and provision of open spaces. Additionally, allowing rivers and streams to follow their natural course may further help to reduce the potential for flood in the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	+	This policy would result in re-naturalisation of rivers and streams wherever possible through the removal of hard engineered structures such as reinforced banks, weirs and culverts. This approach would be of benefit to water quality as it would limit surface water flooding from blockage and thus potential contamination. The re-naturalisation of rivers and streams may also improve local water quality through the removal of

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		undersized culverts which may cause contamination by erosion. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

Policy EN3: The Melton Green Infrastructure Network

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The policy states that new or enhanced green infrastructure should look to provide educational resources for local residents. These resources are expected to be smaller education centres which might supplement the learning activities of schools within the Borough and as such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	Green infrastructure that is to be maintained when new development is proposed includes access routes such as public rights of way. Bridleways, cycling and walking links between new green corridors and towns and villages should also be provided. This approach is expected to promote walking and cycling in the area and as such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	This policy provides support for opportunities for sustainable leisure and tourism, which could have a minor positive effect on economic diversification and employment creation.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	++	This policy seeks to protect and enhance green infrastructure within the Borough including green infrastructure which has been identified within the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe and Local Green Space Study. These are areas which contribute to the local landscape character of Melton. The policy also supports new green infrastructure which will enhance landscape character, seeks to protect Areas of Separation and provide additional space for woodland to contribute to the Woodland Trust's Access to

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
		Woodland Standards. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	++	This policy requires new development to retain important green infrastructure elements including habitats for local wildlife (such as watercourses, woodland and hedgerows) and local geological sites. The policy also states that new or enhanced green infrastructure corridors should look to make provisions for biodiversity opportunities. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	This policy seeks to protect and enhance green infrastructure within the Borough which is likely to have benefits for the setting of heritage assets. Additionally the policy gives specific protection to historic parkland in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	This policy would protect green infrastructure within the Borough including open space. As such, development is more likely to be directed to brownfield land and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	This policy would protect important green infrastructure within the Borough including access routes (such as public rights of way). This approach should improve access to services, particularly for those without a car. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy states that green infrastructure should be used to provide access to employment opportunities. This should allow residents in the Borough to have an improved level of access to local employment opportunities to the benefit of their economic inclusion. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
economic growth.		
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	This policy would not result in the provision of new healthcare facilities in the Borough; however it would protect and enhance local green infrastructure which would include access routes such as public rights of way, designated public green space and sports pitches. The provision of these facilities may encourage residents to partake of healthier lifestyles and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	This policy seeks to protect the green infrastructure network within Melton. This includes local public rights of way, the protection of which may encourage more residents to make use of alternative forms of transport instead of car use. This would potentially reduce greenhouse gas emissions and thus improve local air quality and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	This policy seeks to protect and enhance green infrastructure as well as watercourses and their riparian zones in the Borough. This approach will ensure that areas of permeable surfaces remain and those capable of accommodating surface water, which will allow for local surface water infiltration thus reducing the potential for flooding in the Borough as a whole. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EN4: Areas of separation

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	Although this policy would limit development within the Areas of Separation in the Borough it is expected that development of housing required within Melton could still be accommodated elsewhere. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	++	This policy would restrict development within the Areas of Separation which have been identified within the Borough. Additionally new development proposals are to be supported where they respect any Areas of Separation identified in a Neighbourhood Plan. This approach would help to prevent settlement coalescence and maintain the rural character of the Borough. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	This policy would restrict development within the identified Areas of Separation in the Borough which may have a positive effect on biodiversity in those areas by avoiding the loss of greenfield land and potentially valuable habitats.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	This policy would restrict development within the Areas of Separation which have been identified within the Borough, to the benefit of local landscape character. The rural landscape acts as the setting of for many of the heritage assets in Melton and as such its protection should help to conserve and enhance the historic environment and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	This policy would restrict development within the Areas of Separation which have been identified within the Borough, which would help to protect large areas of greenfield land between the settlements from development. This may help to direct development to brownfield sites at the more developed areas of the Borough. This approach is considered to be a more efficient use of land and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	This policy would restrict development within the Areas of Separation which have been identified within the Borough. As such it would help to maintain areas capable of allowing for surface water infiltration which would reduce flood risk locally. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	This policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
efficient use of water resources.		

Policy EN5: Local Green Space

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	This policy requires development proposals to protect designated local green spaces within the Borough and to protect their character, which will have a minor positive effect on the wider quality and character of the Borough's landscapes.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	++	This policy protects local green spaces within the Borough and requires development proposals not to harm their key features, value and functionality which includes biodiversity benefits. The policy will help to maintain important habitats within Melton and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	This policy would protect local green spaces within the Borough. Given that local green spaces may contribute to the setting of historic assets within the Borough a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	This policy would protect local green spaces within the Borough. This approach would protect areas of greenfield land and also areas of undeveloped land which may be of higher agricultural value (agricultural grade 3 or higher) from development. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	This policy would protect local green spaces within the Borough. These areas may be made use of by local residents for active outdoor recreation, to the benefit of both mental and physical health. The supporting text clarifies that Local Green Space designation and protection may be given to areas which (amongst meeting other criteria) are demonstrably special to the local community in terms of recreation. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	This policy would protect local green spaces within the Borough, which provide areas of permeable surfaces with flood risk management benefits. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EN6: Settlement Character

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	++	This policy protects important open areas within the Borough which contribute to the character of a settlement. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	This policy protects important open areas within the Borough, which is likely to have a minor positive effect on biodiversity as a result of habitat maintenance.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	This policy would protect important open areas within the Borough. The criteria set out to define important open spaces include those which contribute to the setting of historic built form as well as those which contribute to key characteristics of a Conservation Area. Development which does not harm individual features of a settlement which contribute towards settlement character as identified in a Neighbourhood Plan, including non-designated heritage assets is to be supported. As such the protection of these green spaces is likely to benefit the local historic environment and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	This policy protects important open areas within the Borough. This approach would protect areas of greenfield land which may include areas of undeveloped land which are of higher agricultural value (agricultural grade 3 or higher) from development. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	This policy would protect important open areas within the Borough. These areas may be made use of by local residents for active outdoor recreation, to the benefit of both mental and physical health. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	This policy would protect important open areas within the Borough. As such these areas of permeable surfaces would be maintained, with benefits for flood risk management and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EN7: Open Space, Sport and Recreation

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	++	This policy would result in the protection of open space which contributes to the quality and character of the landscape in the Borough. It also identifies a number of natural greenspaces which are to be enhanced and given the rural nature of Melton it is expected that this should also be of benefit to local landscape character. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	++	The policy promotes development which will provide contributions towards the improvement of open space in the Borough including natural and semi-natural greenspace which will be of benefit to local biodiversity. The policy identifies a number of specific natural greenspaces including Nature Reserves and SSSIs which are to be enhanced. The policy will also result in the improvement of playing pitches and other formal recreational areas which may result in decreased recreational pressures on areas of important habitats for local wildlife. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy would not address the protection of local heritage assets; however it does encourage development which makes a contribution to the improvement of open space. These features play an important part in defining the character of a given area and this approach should therefore help to enhance the setting of local heritage assets. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The policy supports development which makes provision for open space including allotments. This will prevent the development of areas of greenfield land and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	This policy encourages new development to contribute towards the enhancement, retention and provision of new open spaces and sports facilities. Although these provisions would not provide support for all community uses this approach should provide areas where residents can interact thus promoting social inclusion and cohesion in the Borough. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	This policy would result in the protection and enhancement of open spaces and sports facilities in the Borough. New developments of ten homes or more would be required to contribute towards this aim and specific areas for enhancement are identified through this policy. As such residents in the Borough may be encouraged to make healthier lifestyle choices and engage in active recreation, and a significant positive

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		effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	This policy would result in the protection of open spaces within the Borough. It would also require developments of ten houses or more to provide contributions towards local open space maintenance and creation. These areas provide greenfield land at which surface water infiltration may occur reducing the potential for increased flood risk in Melton. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EN8: Climate Change

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	To mitigate and adapt to climate change, the policy requires development to be sustainably designed and constructed promoting high quality builds. This will ensure that new residential developments will be suitable for present and future residents of the borough and so a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	+	The policy requires opportunities for sustainable transport to be incorporated into new developments which would improve accessibility to services, employment and educational facilities as well as reducing the need to make journeys by private car. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The policy aims to mitigate and adapt to climate change which includes incorporating sustainable and active modes of transport opportunities into new developments. Although this policy does not relate to new business formation, the provision of sustainable modes of transport as part of new developments could increase access to employment opportunities and therefore have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy aims to mitigate and adapt to climate change which includes consideration for provision of green infrastructure at new developments within the Borough. The supporting text of the policy recognises that trees and woodland can play an important role in helping combat climate change. Enhancing these features may help to improve local landscape character and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	The policy identifies green infrastructure as a measure to mitigate and adapt to climate change in Melton, which is likely to have benefits for biodiversity in terms of habitat creation and improved connectivity. A minor positive effect is therefore identified on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy aims to mitigate and adapt to climate change which includes incorporating sustainable and active modes of transport opportunities into new developments. This will increase accessibility to community facilities across Melton Borough and so a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy requires new developments to be sustainably designed and constructed as well as providing renewable and/or low carbon energy production that could be decentralised. This may help to address fuel poverty - 18-30% of residents lived in fuel poverty in 2012 (DECC, 2014). The provision of energy efficient homes would help to reduce the proportion of income spent on fuel and could therefore alleviate fuel poverty.

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		As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy seeks to mitigate and adapt to climate change and requires development proposals to consider the provision of sustainable and active modes of transport. This will reduce journeys made by private car thus reducing pollution levels that can contribute to poor health. Active modes of transport also promote healthy lifestyles through encouraging exercise. As such, a minor positive effect is likely.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The policy requires new developments to improve energy efficiency through sustainable buildings, the incorporation of renewable/low carbon energy sources and also through the provision of sustainable modes of transport. All of these requirements will reduce greenhouse gas emissions which will also improve the air quality within the Borough. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	The policy seeks to mitigate and adapt to climate change and requires development proposals to demonstrate that consideration has been given to flood risk management. A minor positive effect is therefore identified on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EN9: Ensuring Energy Efficient and Low Carbon Development

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The policy supports the provision of space for cycle storage in new homes and employment developments and, where appropriate, showers and changing facilities as well as charging points for electric cars. A minor positive effect is therefore likely as the policy contributes to ensuring people can make sustainable transport choices to access services and sites of employment.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective because the policy supports the provision of office space within homes. This reflects the growth in number and diversity of small-medium enterprises in Melton and will provide more flexibility for accessing employment opportunities.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy encourages tree planting and landscaping which should have benefits on the quality and character of the wider landscape, and a minor positive effect is likely.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	The policy encourages tree planting and landscaping which should have benefits for biodiversity, and a minor positive effect is likely.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	+	The policy supports energy efficiency and low carbon development in existing buildings but stipulates that buildings should only be retrofitted if this does not harm heritage assets or their significance and protects the

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
heritage assets and their settings.		character of conservation areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy seeks to increase energy efficiency and promotes low carbon development. The design of new development should prevent heat loss, incorporate on-site renewable, low carbon or decentralised energy provision and optimise natural sunlight and non-mechanical ventilation. These measures will help to reduce fuel poverty – in 2012, 18-30% of residents in Melton lived in fuel poverty (DECC, 2014). The provision of energy efficient homes would reduce the proportion of income spent on fuel and a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	++	The policy supports development proposals that can demonstrate the effective use of materials that are sourced from high up the waste hierarchy. The policy also supports developments that incorporate site waste management plans which emphasises waste minimisation, re-use and recycling during demolition and construction. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	The policy encourages the inclusion of home offices within new developments. This provision will create opportunities for small enterprises to be established and grow. As this policy could lead to job diversification, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective as the policy seeks to promote active modes of transport through the provision of cycle storage and changing facilities. This will encourage residents to exercise, which therefore supports a healthy lifestyle.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The overarching purpose of this policy is to ensure that development is energy efficient and low carbon development is encouraged. The measures in the policy to achieve this include encouraging the incorporation of renewable energy infrastructure and encouraging more people to cycle in place of car use through the provision of cycle storage, showers and changing facilities. A significant positive effect is therefore identified as the policy will reduce greenhouse gas emissions which will contribute to maintaining and improving air quality.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	+	Along with supporting energy efficiency and low carbon development, the policy also promotes water efficiency measures. New developments will be supported if they are deemed to reduce demand on water resources, including through the use of efficient appliances, rainwater recycling, water butts and underground storage tanks. A minor positive is therefore likely on this SA objective.

Policy EN10: Energy Generation from Renewable Sources

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	++	The policy states that renewable energy infrastructure proposals must take into account the surrounding landscape and townscape. Additionally, wind energy developments are only to be located in areas of low or low-moderate sensitivity to wind turbine development, as identified in the Melton and Rushcliffe landscape sensitivity study or area identified as suitable for wind turbine development in a Neighbourhood Plan. The policy also includes detailed information about the size of turbines that will be acceptable in various areas. A bond is to cover the cost of de-commissioning, meaning once the use of this type of infrastructure has expired it can be successfully removed thus helping to restore the previously established character of the area in question. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective as the policy requires proposals for renewable energy technology to consider potential impacts on ecology, designated nature conservation sites, geodiversity and biodiversity. This consideration is to include ancient woodland and veteran trees.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective as the policy requires proposals for renewable energy technology to take into account potential impacts on heritage assets.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective as the policy requires proposals for renewable energy technology to consider potential impacts on high quality agricultural land.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The policy states that renewable energy proposals which will directly benefit a local community in the medium and long term and/or are targeted at residents experiencing fuel poverty will be particularly supported. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct imp effect act on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy promotes energy generation from renewable energy sources which will reduce the Borough's reliance on fossil fuels. There will therefore be a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions which will improve Melton's air quality, leading to potential health benefits. A minor positive effect is therefore identified on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	Through supporting energy generation from renewable sources, the policy will steer Melton's reliance away from fossil fuels to low carbon alternatives. As such a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective and this will also improve air quality within the borough.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy EN11: Minimising the Risk of Flooding

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	This policy promotes the use of SuDS and flood risk management measures which may have indirect positive effects on the quality and character of the wider landscape, for example the incorporation of open green spaces within developments. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	++	The measures in this policy seeking to manage flood risk are likely to have positive effects on biodiversity by reducing the potential for negative effects from flooding that can otherwise occur, for example as a result of habitat inundation or changes to water quality. The policy states that, where appropriate, developers should restore watercourses to a more natural state to provide biodiversity benefits and that buildings should be set back from watercourses to provide an ecological corridor. Existing open water features should not be lost as a result of new development in the Borough which could help to protect locally important habitats. Overall a

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		significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The measures in this policy seeking to manage flood risk are likely to have positive effects on the historic environment by reducing the potential for negative effects from flooding that can otherwise occur, for example as a result of flooding or listed buildings or other heritage features. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	This policy seeks to mitigate flood risk in the Borough which will help to provide appropriate physical conditions to support economic growth, and a minor positive effect is likely.
14. To reduce health inequalities,	+	This policy seeks to mitigate flood risk in the Borough which will help to protect local peoples' physical and mental health and wellbeing, which can otherwise be adversely affected by flooding events. A minor positive

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promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		effect is therefore likely.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	++	The primary purpose of this policy is to manage the risk of flooding. Of particular importance is the requirement for a sequential test to be followed when identifying land which is suitable for development in terms of flood risk. The flood risk implications identified in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment should be addressed for allocated sites and Flood Risk Assessments are required for all development proposals over 1 hectare and those on sites in Flood Zones 2 and 3. This approach should help to reduce the level of development located within areas of high flood risk and require an appropriate approach to addressing flood risk elsewhere. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	+	This policy seeks to mitigate flood risk which can otherwise have adverse impacts on water quality. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

Policy EN12: Sustainable Drainage Systems

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	This policy relates to the provision of SuDS within major developments to manage surface water flood risk, including through the provision of green infrastructure. This should have wider benefits for the appearance of the development and its setting within the wider landscape. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	This policy relates to the provision of SuDS within major developments to manage surface water flood risk, including through the provision of green infrastructure and the use of green roofs. The incorporation of SuDS should allow for net gains for nature through the creation of ponds and wetlands near watercourses where appropriate. This approach should have wider benefits for biodiversity as a result of habitat creation and connectivity. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	This policy relates to the provision of SuDS within major developments to manage surface water flood risk, including through the provision of green infrastructure. This should have wider benefits for the appearance of the development and therefore its impacts on nearby heritage assets and their settings. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	++	This policy relates directly to the management of flood risk, requiring the provision of SuDS within major developments to manage surface water flood risk. The policy includes a range of criteria relating to the use of SuDS and requires surface water management strategies for allocated development sites to demonstrate how the guidance in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been taken into account. Overall, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	++	This policy seeks to manage flood risk by promoting the use of SuDS, and so will help to avoid the potential negative effects of flood events on water quality. In addition, development sites which are close to groundwater protection zones or aquifers should be guided by advice from the Lead Local Flood Authority. This approach should further help to prevent local contamination of important water sources. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.

Policy EN13: Heritage Assets

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	-	The policy allows for use of Article 4 directions in the Borough as appropriate to allow for the conservation of the local historic environment. This would remove permitted development rights in certain parts of the Borough. As such residents may be prevented from undertaking minor house renovations and improvements in the Borough. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	This policy seeks to preserve, protect and enhance heritage assets within Melton. The appropriate use of heritage assets as opportunities for tourism is supported through this policy and this may create employment opportunities in the Borough; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	This policy seeks to preserve, protect and enhance heritage assets within Melton. The policy includes protection for the setting of heritage assets within the Borough and as such this may afford some indirect protection to landscapes which act as the setting for heritage assets within the Borough. The requirement of all development proposals in Melton Mowbray to have consideration for the Melton Borough Landscape and Historic Urban Character Assessment Report (2011) should further strengthen protection for the local landscape. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	This policy relates specifically to the conservation, protection and enhancement of heritage assets within Melton. New development within the Borough is required to have a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness, while the policy also protects and seeks to encourage the enhancement of the built historic environment and its setting. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Managing Delivery

Policy IN1: Transport and strategic transport infrastructure

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use	++	A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective as the overall purpose of the policy is to promote an efficient and safe transport network in Melton, encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport in place of car use. The policy requires new developments to be located where travel can be minimised and the use of sustainable transport modes maximised. While the policy also proposes parking provision and improvements to the strategic road network, these measures are not considered to detract from the overall

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		aim to achieve modal shift and it is recognised that there will always be a requirement for car use, particularly given the rural nature of the Borough.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The policy promotes an efficient and safe transport network in Melton and as such, access to employment opportunities could be increased. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded. It is assumed that the potential impacts of strategic highway improvement schemes would be assessed in detail at the planning application stage.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded. It is assumed that the potential impacts of strategic highway improvement schemes would be assessed in detail at the planning application stage.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded. It is assumed that the potential impacts of strategic highway improvement schemes would be assessed in detail at the planning application stage.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded. It is assumed that the potential impacts of strategic highway improvement schemes would be assessed in detail at the planning application stage.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy promotes an efficient and safe transport network in Melton and as such, access to services and facilities across the borough could be increased through the provision and enhancement of sustainable transport links. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social	+	The provision of an enhanced sustainable and active transport network in the Borough could promote economic inclusion as more employment opportunities should be accessible without the need of a private car.

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deprivation and secure economic inclusion.		As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	A significant positive effect is recorded for this SA objective because the policy is concerned with achieving an efficient and safe transport network in Melton which will support economic growth in the Borough. The policy requires new developments to provide for and enhance sustainable and active transport links and the policy will therefore help to reduce congestion which can otherwise impede economic growth.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy promotes an efficient and safe transport network in Melton and supports new development proposals that include the provision or enhancement of sustainable and active modes of transport. A minor positive effect is identified as these impacts will result in fewer journeys to be made by private car, reducing air pollutants leading to improved air quality that can benefit the health of residents in Melton. In addition, increased walking and cycling will benefit health.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The policy promotes an efficient and safe transport network in Melton and supports new development proposals that include the provision or enhancement of sustainable and active modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore identified as this will result in fewer journeys being made by private car, reducing greenhouse gases emissions and air pollution. While the policy also proposes parking provision and improvements to the strategic road network, these measures are not considered to detract from the overall aim to achieve modal shift and it is recognised that there will always be some requirement for car use, particularly given the rural nature of the Borough. In addition, the highway improvements will help to reduce congestion, therefore avoiding the associated pockets of air pollution.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded. It is assumed that the potential impacts of strategic highway improvement schemes would be assessed in detail at the planning application stage.
17. To maintain and improve water	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded. It is assumed that the potential impacts of strategic highway improvement schemes would be

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		assessed in detail at the planning application stage.

Policy IN2: Infrastructure Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions would include contributions towards affordable housing provision. Although the requirement for residential developments to make contributions towards infrastructure provision could affect the profitability of such developments, it is not considered to have a likely impact on their viability and therefore the delivery of housing, particularly as similar requirements are expected to apply in other authorities.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to educational infrastructure, helping to avoid existing schools in the Borough becoming overloaded as a result of the development proposed through the Local Plan.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+/-	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to sustainable transport infrastructure, helping to avoid significant increases in car use as a result of the development proposed through the Local Plan. However, this is mixed with a minor negative effect overall because the policy will also deliver funding for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road which could facilitate ongoing car use.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded. Although the requirement for employment developments to make contributions towards infrastructure provision could affect the profitability of such developments, it is not considered to have a likely impact on their viability and therefore the delivery of new employment land, particularly as similar requirements are expected to apply in other authorities.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to green infrastructure, with the associated benefits for biodiversity.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to a range of types of infrastructure, some of which could support social inclusion and community cohesion, for example the provision of new community facilities.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	++	The policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective because the requirement for developer contributions would support improvements to a range of types of infrastructure, some of which could support economic growth in the Borough.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to healthcare infrastructure, helping to avoid existing facilities in the Borough becoming overloaded as a result of the development proposed through the Local Plan. Funding for green infrastructure would also benefit public health.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+/-	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to sustainable transport infrastructure, helping to avoid significant increases in greenhouse gas emissions from car use as a result of the development proposed through the Local Plan. However, this is mixed with a minor negative effect overall because the policy will also deliver funding for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road which could facilitate ongoing car use with the associated emissions.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to water management infrastructure, which could help to manage flood risk.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	+	The policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective because the developer contributions required should contribute towards improvements to utilities including sewage treatment capacity improvements if required.

Policy IN3: Broadband

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The requirement for developments to incorporate broadband provision will support educational attainment in the Borough and a minor positive effect is expected.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

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of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The requirement for developments to incorporate broadband provision will support economic growth and development in the Borough and could increase the range of employment opportunities accessible for local people; therefore a minor positive effect is expected.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The requirement for developments to incorporate broadband provision will support social inclusion and help to reduce isolation; therefore a minor positive effect is expected.
10. To reduce poverty, social	+	The requirement for developments to incorporate broadband provision will support economic inclusion by potentially enabling people to access more employment opportunities (e.g. working from home) and a minor

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deprivation and secure economic inclusion.		positive effect is expected.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	+	The provision of improved broadband links within the Borough will support economic growth and a minor positive effect is therefore expected.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The requirement for developments to incorporate broadband provision will help to reduce the need to travel, for example by enabling more people to work from home. This will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from vehicle use and a minor positive effect is expected.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Managing Development

Policy D1: Raising the Standard of Design

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	The policy would not directly help to address the delivery of new homes to meet the objectively assessed need over the Plan period. It does however require that new housing development performs well against the principles of Building for Life 12. This approach should help to raise the quality of housing development in the Borough and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	The policy would not directly result in the provision of new education facilities in the Borough. It would however require that housing development performs well against the principles of 'Active Design'. This encourages the provision of facilities (including schools) so as to establish walkable communities. As such new development may be provided so that education facilities are in close proximity to new housing development. A potential minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The policy requires development proposals to incorporate sustainable means of transport where appropriate, and a minor positive effect is likely. Although it also requires appropriate, safe connections to the existing highway network as well as adequate provision for car parking to be provided, some level of car use will always be necessary in a rural Borough such as Melton and this is not seen to detract from the overall aim to achieve modal shift.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The policy requires development proposals to incorporate sustainable means of transport where appropriate, which may help to provide access to jobs, particularly for people without cars. The requirement for new housing development to follow the principles of "Active Design" should promote a more walkable community in the Borough, as such making employment opportunities more accessible for residents. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	This policy requires development to be sited and laid out in a way that is sympathetic to the character of the area and encourages the use of landscaping and the retention of trees and hedges to mitigate potential impacts on the landscape. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	+	This policy encourages the use of landscaping and the retention of trees and hedges to mitigate potential impacts on the landscape, which may also have indirect positive effects on biodiversity. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy relates to promoting high quality design in the Borough, which will help to reduce the potential for inappropriate development to have negative effects on the setting of heritage assets. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The policy requires that housing development is delivered with consideration for the principles of "Active Design". As such this approach should help to promote a more walkable community in the Borough, therefore making community facilities more accessible for residents. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	The policy requires development to be designed to reduce crime and the perception of crime; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+	The policy requires development to include waste facilities where appropriate, including collection and storage facilities for recyclable waste; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The policy requires development proposals to incorporate sustainable means of transport where appropriate, which could include walking and cycling. New housing development is expected to follow the principles of "Active Design" which would provide open spaces within walking distances of other facilities and residential properties, as such potentially encouraging residents to lead more active lifestyles and make use of more

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		active modes of transport. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The policy requires development proposals to incorporate sustainable means of transport where appropriate and contribute towards a more walkable community through the principles of "Active Design". This approach should help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve local air quality. Although it also requires appropriate, safe connections to the existing highway network as well as adequate provision for car parking to be provided, some level of car use will always be necessary in a rural Borough such as Melton and this is not seen to detract from the overall aim to achieve modal shift. It will also help to reduce congestion which can otherwise lead to pockets of poor air quality.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore recorded.

Policy D2: Equestrian Development

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

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can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The policy provides support for equestrian development, provided that certain criteria are met. Considering that this type of development may help to diversify the rural economy in the Borough and support the associated employment, a minor positive effect is likely.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy requires proposals for equestrian development to not have an adverse effect on the landscape or local character; therefore a minor positive effect is likely. The policy also requires proposals to be of appropriate size, scale, design and construction materials and to make use of sites adjoining settlements where possible as well as to be grouped where possible with other structures, which should further reduce the potential for negative effects on the landscape.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The policy requires that proposals are of appropriate size, scale, design and construction materials with consideration for setting and function. This approach is expected to help limit the potential for detrimental impacts on local heritage assets and their setting. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The policy requires proposals for equestrian development to where possible make use of existing buildings, thereby avoiding the loss of greenfield land. The approach also protects the loss of best quality agricultural land through equestrian development.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
inclusion.		
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	+	The policy requires that equestrian development in the Borough should have due consideration for preventing an unacceptable impact on residential amenity as well as an overly adverse impact on the highway network. This approach should help to limit the potential safety issues to arise in relation to road use in the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+	The policy requires proposals for equestrian development to where possible make use of existing buildings, thereby reusing existing materials, and a minor positive effect is likely.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

Policy D3: Agricultural workers' dwellings

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
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SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	The policy provides for the development of essential dwellings to meet the needs of agricultural workers; therefore a minor positive effect on this objective is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The policy would provide for the development of essential dwellings to meet the needs of agricultural workers, enabling them to live and work in close proximity and therefore avoiding the need to travel. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The policy will provide indirect support for the rural economy, by providing for the development of essential residences for agricultural workers. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	+	The policy permits residential development for agricultural workers only where the development would not have a detrimental impact on the landscape; therefore a minor positive effect is likely. In addition, it is required that the design of the dwelling, including its scale, materials and curtilage, would be in keeping with the design policy in the Local Plan.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their	+	The policy permits residential development for agricultural workers only where the development would not have a detrimental impact on the landscape – this may have an indirect minor positive effect on the setting of any nearby heritage assets, particularly because it is also required that the design of the dwelling,

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
settings.		including its scale, materials and curtilage, would be in keeping with the design policy in the Local Plan.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The policy only permits the development of new residential properties for agricultural workers where there are no existing dwellings nearby that could meet the requirements of the enterprise. This approach also states that where an existing dwelling has been sold off by the applicant within the previous 24 months, applications for agricultural/rural workers dwellings may be refused. As such the criteria within this policy may help to avoid any unnecessary development on greenfield land and a minor positive effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Commentary/Explanation (to include secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects)
emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	The policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is recorded.

Appendix 11

Detailed SA Matrices for the Site Allocations and Reserve Sites listed in Policy C1

Allocated sites (listed in policy C1A)

Melton Mowbray

MEL GENERAL

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	This policy states that development proposals on allocated sites in Melton Mowbray for more than 50 dwellings will be supported where impacts on local education facilities can be addressed through developer contributions. A significant positive effect is therefore expected.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	This policy states that development proposals on allocated sites in Melton Mowbray for more than 50 dwellings will be supported where applications are supported by appropriate Transport Assessments identifying the impacts upon the existing highways infrastructure and make a contribution to the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy commensurate to their impact, and provide for mitigation in relation to the shorter term impacts identified. This may help to support sustainable transport provision and a minor positive effect is expected.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation,	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	This policy states that development proposals on allocated sites in Melton Mowbray for more than 50 dwellings will be supported where impacts on National Health Service provision can be addressed through developer contributions. A significant positive effect is therefore expected.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	Policy MEL GENERAL will not have a direct effect on this objective.

MEL1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is allocated in policy MEL1 for 85 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of two schools; St Mary's Church of England Primary School (which is within 345m of the site to the west) and John Ferneley College (which is within 415m of the site to the north east). The Local Plan states that there is a net surplus of school places at St Mary's Primary School although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	?	This site has not been assessed by Melton Borough Council in relation to the access that it provides to public transport links. As such an uncertain effect has been recorded. However, it is noted that the site is at Melton Mowbray where public transport links are generally good.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	?	This site is not located within 600m of an existing employment site or Melton Mowbray town centre. The site has also not been assessed by Melton Borough Council in relation to the access that it provides to public transport links. As such it has been unable to determine what level of access the site would provide to employment opportunities. An uncertain effect has therefore been recorded.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Melton Mowbray North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development. The site has been classed medium to high sensitivity due to the varied topography which effectively forms the hinterland to the town, plus the tranquil rural character and the availability of expansive views from elevated points. The site is not within an Area of Separation.</p> <p>Policy MEL1 incorporates mitigation in relation to impacts on the landscape – it states that the development of the site will be supported provided that the layout, scale and density do not erode the settlement’s relationship to the surrounding landscape taking into account the sloping topography. The policy also requires that development of the site retains, where possible, the vegetation screen off Nottingham Road. Overall, a potential minor negative effect is therefore identified although this is uncertain depending on the exact proposals for the site.</p>
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site contains a number of areas which have been identified as containing habitats for great crested newts. Four areas which potentially contain bat roosts are located within 135m to the south east, 165m to the south west and within 120m and 110m to the east of the site respectively. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value due to there being a mosaic of habitats present which have the potential to support numerous species of fauna. In addition, there are watercourses within and adjacent to the site and woodland abuts the southern site boundary. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton’s historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	This site has not been assessed by Melton Borough Council in relation to potential impacts on local heritage assets. As such an uncertain effect has been recorded for this SA objective. However, it is noted that the site has been assessed through the planning application process and it has been found to be acceptable (with mitigation).
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	-	The site is not located within 250m of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. However, the site is classed as greenfield land although it is of Grade 3b agricultural

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		quality meaning that development at this location would not result in the loss of higher quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++?	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2), and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). It has been unable to determine the effect of the site on deprivation (SA objective 4) and so an uncertain effect has been recorded. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and the moderate level of housing which might be accommodated at this location. The effect is uncertain given that a score has not been given for SA objective 4.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the allocated residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located entirely on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		closest children's play area is located within 65m of the site to the east. Amenity green spaces are located within 25m of the site to the south and within 240m of the site to the west. The closest semi-natural/natural greenspace is located within 170m of the site to the south. There is a footpath within 185m to the east by Dickens Drive. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does provide access to GP practices. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is located mostly outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (only 4% of the site is located within Flood Zone 3b) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely. Policy MEL1 incorporates mitigation, stating that the development of the site will be supported provided that mitigation measures against flood risk are provided, due to its proximity to Scalford Brook.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively large and has been allocated for 120 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
that people have access to education.		The site is located within walking distance of two schools; Sherard Primary School and Community Centre (64m from site) and Birchwood Melton Area Special School (237m from site). The Local Plan states that there is a net surplus of school places at Sherard Primary School although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 565m north of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely in comparison to development on brownfield, although the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 670m of River Eye SSSI which is to the north east and 530m from a Local Wildlife Site (Mars Petcare, River Eye). In addition breeding ponds containing Great Crested Newts can be found 590m south of the site [REDACTED]. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value due to there being known bat roosts present in several buildings and a small woodland in the north eastern corner of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+	The site is not located within 250m of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as partly brownfield land; however there is a section of greenfield land within the site (it is classed as Urban land). Development at this location would therefore not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use and a minor positive effect on this SA objective is expected.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1), education (SA objective 2), and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities, relatively good access to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on partly brownfield land; therefore development at this location could involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site and whether such opportunities do in fact exist.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations are expected to have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	<p>The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 372m south of the site on Norfolk Drive and another 305m north east on Buckminster Close. River Meadows is a semi natural greenspace feature located 390m north of the site. There are two children's play areas within 480m of the site on Baldocks Lane and Hartopp Road. Victoria Street Allotments are located 340m north west of the site. There is a footpath 510m north west of the site on Ankle Hill.</p> <p>Although there is an existing sports facility (King Edward VII Community Sports Centre) located on the site, only part of one pitch is within the site and MBC has advised that this has already been replaced in the immediate vicinity. In addition, the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility although Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. Overall a minor positive effect is identified on this SA objective.</p>
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on partly brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 355m of Brownlow Primary School. The Local Plan states that large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		opportunities further away from the site. There are a number of existing employment sites within walking distance (600m) of the site - the nearest is located 39m south west of the site and there is another 128m south of the site. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop which would provide access to employment opportunities further afield; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation. Policy MEL3 incorporates landscape-related mitigation, stating that the layout and density of development should respond to the local character and provide opportunities for landscape enhancements along the site frontage with Thorpe Road.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	There are two Local Wildlife Sites within close proximity to the site; Mars Petcare, River Eye is 382m south of the site and Corfe Wet Grassland is 1km to the north east of the site. [REDACTED] the River Eye SSSI is 565m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is most likely to be of low ecological value. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain. Policy Mel3 incorporates some mitigation in relation to local character, stating that the former Work House and Vagrant Cells buildings are to be retained and that any loss of the buildings will be required to be fully justified. A viability appraisal will be required to support any proposal requiring demolition of the buildings of local interest.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within a close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on brownfield land; therefore development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. This results in an overall significant positive effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land; therefore development at this location could involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site and whether such opportunities do in fact exist.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is located 446m from site (Chapel Street Amenity) and another 508m away (St Mary's Parish Church Amenity). River Meadows is an area of semi natural greenspace located 518m south of the site. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area are located within a 125m proximity to the site. There is a footpath 100m north of the site that leads east and another 262m south of the site that follows the Jubilee Way. The All England Ground contains a football and cricket pitch located 130m south east of the site. Latham House Medical Practice is located 317m west of the site and Melton Mowbray Hospital is located on the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential

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greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely. Policy MEL3 incorporates mitigation in relation to flood risk and requires that flood mitigation measures are put in place and that the drainage infrastructure is available to accommodate the surface water from this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	--?	This site is within the Source Protection Zone within the centre of Melton Mowbray; therefore a potential significant negative effect on water quality is identified.

MEL4

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 45 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 175m of St Mary's Church of England Primary School which is to the south. The Local Plan states that there is a net surplus of school places at St Mary's Church of England Primary School although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it does have frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within the LCZ1: Melton Mowbray North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development. The site has been classed medium to high sensitivity due to the varied topography which effectively forms the hinterland to the town, plus the tranquil rural character and the availability of expansive views from elevated points. As such a potential significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Nottingham Road Hedgerow (Local Wildlife Site) is located within 75m to the north east of the site and breeding pond containing Great Crested Newts is located 495m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is most likely to be of low ecological value. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain. Policy MEL4 incorporates mitigation, stating that development proposals must be supported with an appropriate Heritage Assessment identifying the significance of the Scheduled Monument nearby and provide appropriate mitigation (in consultation with Heritage England).

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8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land which has been identified as being Grade 3b agricultural land. As such a minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to access to education facilities (SA objective 2), and minor positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular, with consideration also for the level of access the site provides to employment opportunities and the level of housing which might be accommodated at this location.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located entirely on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity green space feature on Nottingham Road located within 195m to the south east of the site and a children's play area is located on Horseguards Way within 205m to the south of the site. However, the site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall. Policy MEL4 incorporates mitigation in relation to the impacts of noise, which could otherwise affect health, stating that noise impacts resulting from the HGV traffic along St Bartholomew's Way must be assessed and where impacts identified, appropriate mitigation provided.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL5

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 62 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 60m of St Mary's Church of England Primary School. The Local Plan states that there is a net surplus of school places at St Mary's Church of England Primary School although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within the LCZ7: Melton Mowbray Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due the medium landscape scale and variable landscape intactness and condition. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. Policy MEL5 incorporates some landscape-related mitigation, stating that development proposals must respond to the edge of settlement location and provide an active street frontage along Horseguards Way, responding to the local character in scale and massing. Proposals must also retain, where possible, the vegetation screen off St Bartholomew's Way.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Nottingham Road Hedgerow (Local Wildlife Site) is located 203m from the north of the site and breeding ponds containing Great Crested Newts is located 450m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is most likely to be of low ecological value. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land; however the Agricultural Land quality of this site is unknown. The surrounding greenfield land to the site has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain as the Agricultural Land Quality of this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to employment (SA objective 4) and housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Nottingham Road located 178m from site and a children's play area 65m away on Horseguards Way. There is a footpath located 825m north of the site which leads to Holwell. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall. Policy MEL5 incorporates mitigation in relation to noise, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that noise impacts resulting from the HGV traffic along St Bartholomew's Way must be assessed and where impacts identified, appropriate mitigation provided.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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resources.		

MEL6

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance (600m) of Swallowdale Primary School and Community Centre. The Local Plan states that there is a net surplus of school places at that school although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Melton Mowbray and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Melton Mowbray South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due the mostly intricate, small scale landscape and cultural pattern. However, policy MEL5 incorporates some landscape-related mitigation, stating that an active street frontage along Kirby Lane should be provided, reducing the need for harsh boundary treatment. The site is not within an Area of Separation. An overall potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There is a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts located 173m north of the site [REDACTED]. In addition, Leicester Road Grassland (a Local Wildlife Site) is located 590m north of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value, as it is adjacent to woodland and is considered likely to support roosting bats. and a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure. Policy MEL6 incorporates some mitigation in relation to biodiversity, requiring that the natural vegetation, hedgerows to the north and east, is retained.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Site; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. However, the site is classed as mainly greenfield land although a third of the western side of the site has been developed for residential use. The agricultural land quality of this site unknown; however it is noted that the land adjacent to the site has been identified as Urban land. Development of this site could therefore result in an overall minor negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on its agricultural land quality.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land; however a third of the site is identified as brownfield land. Therefore development at this location would mostly not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located in close proximity. The closest is 300m east of the site (Thrush Close Amenity) and another 570m north east of the site (Robin Crescent Amenity). There is a children's play area located 215m north of the site (Kirby Fields Play Area). Melton Mowbray Town Bowls Club is a sports facility located 787m north west of the site. There is also a footpath 75m east of the site towards Eye Kettleby in the south and Redbrook Crescent in the north. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL7

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the site is located in Melton Mowbray which has a number of schools. The Local Plan states that there is a net surplus of school places at that school although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 273m south west of the site and the site is located within 600m of Melton Mowbray town centre. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land within an urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Melton Country Park (Local Wildlife Site) is located 540m north east of the site. There are also a number of breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 500m north east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is most likely to be of low ecological value (assuming that the mature trees on site can be retained). In addition, policy MEL7 incorporates some biodiversity-related mitigation, stating that the existing trees (TPO) to the front of the site must be retained unless their loss is justified in terms of providing a better design outcome for the site and replanting is proposed. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also	++	The site is not located within 250m of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as brownfield land as it appears to contain a car park and a building. Development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. This results in an overall significant positive effect on this SA objective.

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maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land; therefore development at this location would involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site and whether such opportunities do in fact exist.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within walking distance (600m) as the nearest is Ash Grove Amenity and another on Cranmere Road. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area are located within 125m proximity of the site. Melton Country Park football pitch is a sports facility located 488m south east of the site. There is a footpath located

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		245m north of the site from Scalford Road and another 575m away from Nottingham Road. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL8

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 37 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 495m of John Ferneley College. The Local Plan states that there is available capacity at that school although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing</p>

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to education.		the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 550m south of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land; however it is within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on more open land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located 188m from an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. Melton Country Park is also a Local Wildlife Site located 579m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the site having the potential to support various protected and notable species and a traditional orchard is present onsite. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within a close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land although it is classed as Urban land in terms of agricultural quality. Development at this location would not therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. This results in an overall minor negative effect for this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be unlikely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is located 230m from site (Cranmere Road Amenity) and another 252m away (Drummond Walk Amenity). There is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace along Dieppe Way/Nottingham Road. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area are located within a 125m proximity to the site. Melton Country Park football pitch is a sports facility located 495m south west of the site. There is a footpath 255m north of the site from Scalfold Road. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices with the nearest being Latham House Medical Practice located 862m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 23 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located 253m from Brownlow Primary School. The Local Plan states that large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++/--	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is located within walking distance (600m) of a number of existing employment sites; the nearest being 40m south west of the site and another being 115m south of the site. The site is also located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre and has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. However, this is mixed with a significant negative effect overall as the site includes existing employment land which could be lost as a result of housing development at the site. Policy MEL9 states that development proposals will be supported provided that access can be provided without compromising the other commercial operations in the area.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land within the urban area of Melton

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landscape.		Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are unlikely in comparison to development on greenfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Mars Petcare, River Eye (Local Wildlife Site) is located 500m south of the site [REDACTED]. In addition River Eye SSSI is located 600m south east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-/++	The site is located within 235m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. However, the site is located on brownfield land which appears to be used for commercial purposes and development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land, avoiding the loss of high quality agricultural land. Overall a mixed effect (minor negative/significant positive) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land; therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is recorded as uncertain depending on the current use of the site and whether such opportunities do in fact exist.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is located 630m west of the site on Chapel Street and River Meadows (semi natural greenspace area) is located 680m south of the site. Melton Country Park Trim Trail is a children's play area located 525m north of the site. The All England Ground is a sports facility that contains a football and cricket pitch located 230m south of the site and Melton Country Park football pitch is located 490m north west of the site. There is a footpath 57m west of the site from Stafford Avenue and another 459m south west of the site following the Jubilee Way. The site is within walking distance of two healthcare facilities; Melton Mowbray Hospital and Latham House Medical Practice. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy MEL9 also incorporates mitigation in relation to noise, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that noise impacts resulting from the HGV traffic along the adjacent A607 must be assessed and where impacts identified, appropriate mitigation provided.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.

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elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL10

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 11 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance (600m) of two schools; Saint Francis Catholic Primary School and the Grove Primary School. The Local Plan states that there is currently a net surplus of places at both schools although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and 124/13cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 185m south east of the site and the site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Mars Petcare, River Eye (Local Wildlife Site) is located 495m south east of the site [REDACTED]. In addition River Eye SSSI is located 927m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value; therefore a negligible effect is most likely overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain given that detailed proposals for the site are not yet known and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation; therefore a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known. Policy MEL10 incorporates some mitigation in relation to local character, stating that the redevelopment of the site must comprise the conversion of the existing buildings. Any loss of the buildings will be required to be fully justified and a viability appraisal will be required to support any proposal requiring demolition of the buildings of local interest.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as brownfield land; as a result development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	++	The site is located on brownfield land therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. Policy MEL10 specifies that the redevelopment must comprise the conversion of the existing buildings and that any loss of the buildings will be required to be fully justified and viability appraisal will be required to support any proposal requiring demolition of the buildings of local interest. The policy also states that proposals requiring demolition must be supported with a full method statement identifying how the demolition will take place and how the waste material will be taken off the site without compromising neighbouring land uses. An overall significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within walking distance (600m), the nearest being 40m (St Mary's Parish Church Amenity) away and another 300m north of the site (Chapel Street Amenity). There are also a number of gardens and parks nearby with the nearest being New Park on Priors Close located 175m south west of the site. River Meadows is an area of semi natural greenspace located 487m south east of the site. Leicester Road Sports Ground is a sports facility located within walking distance to the site. There is a footpath 90m east of the site adjacent to Play Close and another 280m east of the site from Regent Street. The site is within walking distance of two healthcare facilities; Melton Mowbray Hospital and Latham House Medical Practice. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely. Policy MEL10 requires that flood mitigation measures are incorporated into the design and layout of the development.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL11

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 20 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located 395m from Brownlow Primary School. The Local Plan states that large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
3. To make efficient use of	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services

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transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 45m south east of the site and the site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre. The site also has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on mainly greenfield land within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are likely in comparison to development on brownfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation. In addition, policy MEL11 incorporates some landscape-related mitigation, stating that development proposals must be no greater than 2 storey in scale, taking into account the layout and form of the residential development to the north.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Melton Country Park (Local Wildlife Site) is located 645m north east of the site which also contains breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the woodland edge onsite and the potential for the site to support a range of protected species. A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment,	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land; however it is classed as Urban land in terms of its agricultural quality and as a result development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mainly greenfield land; however a third of the site appears to be developed for residential use. Therefore development at this location would be unlikely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A nearby amenity greenspace feature is located 332m away on Chapel Street with a park/garden on St Mary's Way located 362m away. The Crescent Allotments and Play Area is located within 500m of the site. Melton Country Park football pitch is located 295m north east of the site. There is a footpath 25m east of the site following the Jubilee Way. The site is within walking distance of two healthcare facilities; Melton Mowbray Hospital and Latham House Medical Practice. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy MEL11 incorporates mitigation in relation to noise, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that noise impacts resulting from the adjacent land uses must be assessed and where impacts identified appropriate mitigation provided.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL12

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SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 27 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>There are two schools within walking distance of the site (600m); Saint Francis Catholic Primary School and Swallowdale Primary School and Community Centre. The Local Plan states that there is available capacity at both schools although large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 425m north west of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on

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character of the landscape.		this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on mainly greenfield land within the urban area of Melton Mowbray which may mean that adverse effects are likely in comparison to development on brownfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located [REDACTED] 645m from an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts. Melton Mowbray Railway Sidings (Local Wildlife Site) is located 675m east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy MEL12 incorporates mitigation, stating that development proposals will be supported where mitigation is provided for any loss of wildlife habitats, with compensation provided on site. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value; therefore a negligible effect is most likely overall although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is on greenfield land; however it is classed as urban land and so development at this location would not result in the loss of high quality agricultural land to another use. As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing at this site will provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the

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safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.		incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest amenity greenspace feature is on Blyth Avenue located 155m west of the site and another at the War Memorial Hospital located 176m north east of the site. New Park on Priors Close is located 495m north of the site and River Meadow is an area of natural/semi natural greenspace located 795m from the site. Victoria Street Allotments are located 407m south west of the site and Play Close Skate Park located 368m north of the site. A nearby sports facility is Leicester Road Sports Ground located 120m from site and a cricket pitch at Longfield Academy located 640m north west from site. There is a footpath 70m east of the site that leads to Ankle Hill and another 343m north. However the site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility but Melton Mowbray does have GP practices with the nearest being Latham House Medical Practice located 868m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Melton Mowbray which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site will provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location will encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Asfordby

ASF1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively large and has been allocated for 100 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 410m of Captain's Close Primary School which is to the north east. Given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, particularly because the Local Plan indicates that there is currently capacity at the school (although there may be a future requirement to provide additional spaces depending on future housing provision in the area).</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	There are no existing employment sites located in close proximity of the site. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site was assessed as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given, that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Asfordby and has been identified as being within LCZ3: Asfordby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁵⁶ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development because of the floodplain landscape as well as the historic landscape patterns which have been identified in the sensitivity work. As such, a potential significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to incorporate mitigation through high quality and appropriate design. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The closest designated biodiversity site is Asfordby Amateur Sports Club Candidate Local Wildlife Site which is located within 165m of the site to the west. A Potential Local Wildlife Site, Wreake Floodplain Wetland, is also located within 425m of the site to the south east. The site is also located within 20m of an area which is of importance for bat roosts (Pipistrelle) which is to the east by Debdale Place. As such, the proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value; therefore a negligible effect is most likely overall. The negligible effect is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may therefore influence the efficient use of minerals through sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has mostly been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land (small portions of the site to the east and south are Grade 3b

¹⁵⁶ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		Agricultural Land). Development at this location would therefore result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. Considering that a large area of Grade 2 Agricultural Land would be lost if this area was to be developed, an overall significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is on the edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and potential for the site to provide housing in particular as well as the reasonable access to employment opportunities that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A children's playground and an amenity green space are both located by Glendon Close to the north of the site within 15m and 50m

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healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		respectively. Allotments are also located to the north within 180by Hoby Road. A football pitch and artificial grass pitch are located at Asfordby Sports & Social Club which is located to the west of the site within 340m. A footpath is located by the northern boundary of the site and this routes runs from Hoby Road in the west towards Glendon Close in the east. The close proximity of this public right of way may encourage residents to undertake journeys on foot. The site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m); however Asfordby Surgery is located within the same village as the site (on Regency Road) and as such access to healthcare is considered to be reasonable. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is on the edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b. However, as the site is on greenfield land, a minor negative effect on flood risk is identified overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

ASF2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 60 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning,	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and

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enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 80m of Captain's Close Primary School which is to the south west. Given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, particularly because the Local Plan indicates that there is currently capacity at the school (although there may be a future requirement to provide additional spaces depending on future housing provision in the area). Policy ASF2 specifies that development of the site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 270m to the south of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely in comparison to development on brownfield land, although the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	<p>██████████ The closest area which contains Bat Roosts is located within 325m to the south of the site at Riverside Walk. In addition, Wreake Floodplain Wetland potential Local Wildlife Site is located approximately 840m south of the site and Welby Mine Site and Stream candidate Local Wildlife Site is located approximately 840m to the east. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value due to it being terrestrial habitat with the potential to support reptiles, ██████████, amphibians and foraging bats. Overall a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.</p>
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The western part of the site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as 'urban' land (although a small portion of the site to the east has been identified as Grade 3 agricultural land quality which is of undetermined Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). As such an overall minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 2 and 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (objective 1). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 170m of Asfordby Surgery which is to the south at Regency Road. There are a number of amenity green space features located within close proximity to the site; the nearest is located within 60m to the south at Princess Anne Square and another is located within 145m to the south of the site at Charnwood Avenue. There is a footpath which passes through the eastern half of the site towards Regency Road and a bridleway along the eastern site boundary which connects to Main Street to the south. However these may be lost as a result of residential development at this location, dependent upon the design of the proposal. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is therefore identified for this SA objective. Policy ASF2 incorporates mitigation in relation to noise, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that applications for the development of the site shall be accompanied by a noise mitigation strategy to ensure that noise from the bypass to the north of the site is adequately mitigated.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located in Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

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elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

ASF3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 21 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 65m of Captain's Close Primary School which is to the south. Given the close proximity of the site to the school a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective, particularly because the Local Plan indicates that there is currently capacity at the school (although there may be a future requirement to provide additional spaces depending on future housing provision in the area).</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁵⁷ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation) but is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within 235m of a bat roost (Pipistrelle) which is to the south by Loughborough Road. As such the proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been carried out on behalf of Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value as it is located adjacent to a woodland and contains terrestrial habitat with potential to support reptiles, ██████, amphibians and other foraging animals. Overall a potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may incorporate mitigation.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also on greenfield and is located on Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is on edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and

¹⁵⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing and access to employment opportunities that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A cemetery is located within 85m of the site to the south west at Loughborough Road. An allotment is also located on Loughborough Road within 200m of the site to the south west. Also on Loughborough Road within 190m of the site to the south is an amenity greenspace. The site is located within 570m of Asfordby Surgery which is to the south east by Regency Road. A footpath is located within 290m of the site to the north by Saxelby Road and this may encourage people to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle. However, the site also contains a bridleway and development at this site may result in a partial loss of this route. As such an overall mixed effect (minor positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is on edge of Asfordby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Bottesford

BOT1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 34 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within close proximity of two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School is located 280m from the site to the west and Belvoir High School is located 250m from the site also to the west. As such given the close</p>

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to education.		proximity of the site to the schools a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential significant positive effect is therefore uncertain.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	There are no existing employment sites located in close proximity of the site. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site was assessed as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given, that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Bottesford and is within LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is also located within an Area of Separation. As such a potential significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	--?	The site is within 200m and 205m of two areas to the north east which have been identified as potential Local Wildlife Sites due to the presence of either mature or dead ash trees. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The ecological value of this site was not assessed in the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out on behalf of Melton Borough Council because it is a site with planning permission under construction..

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and a significant negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located within 410m of the site to the north west. Bottesford Cricket and Social Club is adjacent to the site to the north and to the west and a bowling green are provided at this location in addition to the cricket pitches. The closest amenity greenspace to the site is located to the west within 75m at Belvoir Road Amenity. Bottesford Village Hall Field Play Area is within 175m of the site to the north. A footpath is located within 75m to the north east of the site and this route runs to Belvoir Road. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (3% of the site is within flood zone 3b) but is on greenfield land. However, the Local Plan notes in relation to BOT1 that the planning permission which has been granted for the site takes account of flood risk issues through the design and incorporates mitigation (SuDS). An overall negligible effect is therefore expected.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

BOT2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable

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housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.		housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 35 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within close proximity of two schools; Bottesford Church of England Primary School is located 405m from the site to the south west and Belvoir High School is located 530m from the site also to the south west. As such given the close proximity of the site to these schools a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential significant positive effect is therefore uncertain.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 375m to the north of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the	--?	The site is located in Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is also located within an Area of Separation. As such a

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landscape.		significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is adjacent to two potential Local Wildlife Sites to the south. Both of these sites have been designated due to the presence of either mature or dead ash trees. An area which is of importance for bat roosts has been identified at Rutland Lane within 160m to the east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy BOT2 incorporates some biodiversity-related mitigation, stating that development proposals for the site must ensure that no adverse impacts will affect the nearby Local Wildlife Site located in proximity to the southern boundary. In addition, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is of low ecological value. A potential negligible effect is therefore identified overall although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and a significant negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective 2) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objectives 1). As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate

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and the fear of crime.		lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located within 250m of the site to the north east. Bottesford Village Hall Field is located to the south west of the site within 50m. Further amenity green space is provided at Grantham Road Village Green which is located within 170m of the site to the north east. The closest children's play area to the site is located within 20m to the south at Bottesford Village Hall Field Play Area. Allotments are located within 150m of the site to the north at Grantham Road. A footpath follows the southern boundary of the site and although there is another footpath within the site, policy BOT2 specifies that the footpath link through the centre of the site to Grantham Road should be retained and enhanced with additional landscaping and improved boundary treatment. However, there is also amenity green space to the rear of Bottesford Village Hall within the site and it is not known whether this would be lost as a result of development. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk	0	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (4% of the site is within flood zone 3b and 1% is within flood zone 3a) but is on greenfield land. However, policy BOT incorporates mitigation, stating that proposals will be supported where flood mitigation measures have been put in place and the drainage infrastructure is available to

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within the Borough and elsewhere.		accommodate the surface water from this site. An overall negligible effect is therefore expected.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

BOT3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively large and has been allocated for 102 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the village (Bottesford) in which the site is located has two schools - Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential minor positive effect is therefore uncertain.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites. The site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides limited access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Bottesford Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁵⁸ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development given contained visual character with a small scale intact landscape pattern to the south. However, policy BOT3 specifies that the south and east boundaries must be sensitively treated with the addition of 'soft' attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments.. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within 435m of an identified bat roost on Rutland Lane to the west. However, policy BOT3 specifies that the land to the southern boundary of the site must be enhanced as a wildlife/biodiversity corridor and that there will be no adverse impact on any protected species. In addition, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is most likely to be of low ecological value. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is to some extent uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.

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9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site options on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1), a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor negative score in relation to the economy (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide in particular as well as the access the site would provide to education facilities but taking into account the limited access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 290m of the Easthorpe Road Allotments to the west. Amenity green space is located within 445m of the site at Grantham Road Village Green to the west. Grantham Road Skate Park is also located to the west of the site within 465m. The site is also adjacent to a footpath which runs from the northern side of Grantham Road. The site is located within Bottesford which contains a GP surgery on Walford Close and although the site is not located within walking

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		distance (600m) of this facility, given that it is located within the same village, residents would have reasonable access. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (4% of the site is within flood zone 3b) but is on greenfield land. Policy BOT3 incorporates mitigation in relation to flooding, requiring that flood mitigation measures are put in place and that the drainage infrastructure is available to accommodate the surface water from this site. A negligible effect is therefore likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

BOT4

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively large and has been allocated for 150 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of any schools although two schools are located within Bottesford (Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School) which would mean that residents would have a</p>

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
to education.		relatively good level of access to them. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential minor positive effect is therefore uncertain.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport, particularly because policy BOT4 specifies that footpath/cycling links must be put in place linking and connecting the site to the village. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 90m of an existing employment site to the east and has been assessed by the Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides a relatively good level of access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the north western edge of Bottesford and has been identified as being within the LCZ 1: Bottesford Central in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁵⁹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development given its small scale character and the presence of intact historic landscape elements. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	Bottesford Triangle Local Wildlife Site is located within 45m of the site to the north west. The site is also located within 155m of an identified bat roost at Bowridge Gardens to the south. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy BOT4 incorporates biodiversity-related mitigation, stating that the land around the river corridor and railway line should be enhanced as a wildlife/biodiversity corridor and that there must be no adverse impact to any

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		protected species. In addition, the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Study that has been carried out for Melton Borough Council found that this site is of moderate ecological value due to it including a combination of different habitats with potential for roosting bats (trees), riparian species (River Devon) and other wildlife along the dis-used railway abutting (wildlife corridors). Overall a potential minor negative effect is therefore identified although this is currently uncertain until detailed proposals for the site come forward.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has mostly been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land and development at this location could therefore result in agricultural land which is of moderate quality being lost. This could result in a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to housing SA (objective 1) and minor positive scores in relation to access to education (SA objective 2) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the high level of housing that the site may provide in particular as well as the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use

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increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.		of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 140m of allotments on Pinfold Lane and within 220m of an amenity green space on Chapel Street. Footpaths are located to the south of the site by River Close and Pinfold Lane. The site is located within 295m of Bottesford Surgery which is to the south on Walford Close. However, a footpath runs through the site and this may be lost to the development proposed. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective. Policy BOT4 incorporates mitigation in relation to noise impacts, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that development proposals must be accompanied by a noise mitigation strategy to ensure that noise from the railway to the north of the sites is adequately mitigated.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	8% of this site is within Flood Zone 3b and 17% is within Flood Zone 3a. However, the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site and policy BOT4 incorporates mitigation, stating that flood mitigation measures must be put in place and that the drainage infrastructure must be available to accommodate the surface water from this site. Overall a minor negative effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

BOT5

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 84 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however the village of Bottesford in which the site is located in has two schools: Bottesford Church of England Primary School and Belvoir High School. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The Local Plan states that there is currently capacity at the primary school to accommodate about 358 new homes at Bottesford; however this is slightly fewer than the total number of homes allocated at Bottesford (371). The potential minor positive effect is therefore uncertain.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. In addition, policy BOT5 specifies that a footpath link should be provided linking the site to the village.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site.</p> <p>There is an existing employment site located within 85m to the south west of the site and the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
5. To conserve and	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation,

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enhance the quality and character of the landscape.		Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely, but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation. Policy BOT5 incorporates some landscape-related mitigation, requiring that the north, east and west boundaries are sensitively treated with the addition of soft attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 65m of a potential Local Wildlife Site to the north east (Bottesford, Trackside Verge) and there is another (Bottesford Triangle) located within 775m to the east of the site. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the site was assessed in the Biodiversity and Geodiversity study that has been undertaken for Melton Borough Council as being of low ecological value, assuming that the tress/wildlife corridor are protected. Overall a negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The majority of the site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and education facilities (SA objectives 1 and 2). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Bottesford Surgery is located within 590m of the site to the south west. There is an amenity green space feature (The Square) located within 470m to the south west of the site and another within 325m to the south of the site (Grantham Road Recreation Area). Station Road Meadow, an area of natural/semi natural green space, is located within 130m to the south of the site. Grantham Road Allotments are located within 325m to the south of the site and Grantham Road Skate Park is within 350m of the site to the south east. There is a bridleway following the outside edge of the eastern site boundary that leads to Beacon Hill and a footpath within 65m of the site to the south which leads to River Devon. In addition, policy BOT5 specifies that a footpath link should be provided linking the site to the village. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy BOT5 incorporates mitigation in relation to noise impacts, which could otherwise impact upon health, stating that development proposals must be accompanied by a noise mitigation strategy to ensure that noise from the railway to the south of the site is adequately mitigated.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Bottesford which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Croxton Kerrial

CROX1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 195m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the north west. However, the Local Plan states that there is only capacity at the school to accommodate an additional 17 dwellings (significantly fewer than the amount allocated at the village). Therefore, S106 agreements will need to be in place to accommodate the allocated housing. Overall a potential but uncertain significant positive effect is identified, depending on the required capacity improvements being delivered.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help with reducing journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. Policy CROX1 also requires that a footpath is provided between the site access and Mill Lane. A significant

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employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Croxton Kerrial Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶⁰ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to small scale, intimate fieldscapes. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is also noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study includes some design guidance for the landscape character zone that this site lies within, which includes a statement that any development coming forward in the landscape character zone would be best contained to the southern extension of the village, within the small scale field pattern adjacent to the existing edge – this is where this site is located. The design guidance also states that the existing southern settlement edge has a loose form that is relatively prominent in views from the southern village approach due to the gently rising landform, and that any development coming forward on this edge should have regard for this existing edge character and should be appropriately designed to sit within the landform without dominating views. This should be taken into account in any development proposals, and may help to mitigate impacts on the landscape. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 390m of Croxton Kerrial Roadside Verge Nature Reserve which has been designated as a Local Wildlife Site to the south east. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation. Mitigation is built into policy CROX1 which states that an area of open space must be included in the development to provide a buffer from the adjacent grade 2 listed building to protect its setting and that a heritage assessment must be provided with impacts assessed and suitable mitigation measures identified. This should pay particular attention to the effect of the development proposal on the Conservation Area, Grade Listed Windmill and potential archaeological concerns. Overall a negligible effect is therefore considered most likely.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
		this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north of the site within 235m by Middle Street. Further to the north of the site within 490m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the north west of the site within 45m and policy CROX1 specifies that another should be provided. The site is located within 195m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the west on Main Street. However, the site also contains part of a footpath and development at this location may result in the loss of this feature. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
efficient use of water resources.		

CROX2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 16 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 295m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the west. However, the Local Plan states that there is only capacity at the school to accommodate an additional 17 dwellings (significantly fewer than the amount allocated at the village). Therefore, S106 agreements will need to be in place to accommodate the allocated housing. Overall a potential but uncertain significant positive effect is identified, depending on the required capacity improvements being delivered.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help in reducing journeys undertaken by car through the encouragement of journeys by alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such given that this site provides good access to the main service centres in the area where employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Croxton Kerrial Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶¹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to its lower elevation and the relative simplicity of the landscape character displayed. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy CROX2 specifies that existing vegetation should be retained so far as it is practicable which may help to mitigate the landscape impacts of the development to some extent.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 385m of a bat roost which has been identified at St John the Baptist's Church to the north west. The site is also located within 390m of Croxton Kerrial Churchyard which has been identified as a potential Local Wildlife Site. As such the relative proximity of the site to this feature and designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy CROX2 specifies that existing vegetation should be retained so far as it is practicable which may help to mitigate any biodiversity-related impacts of the development to some extent and the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

¹⁶¹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site in the north west has previously been developed) and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north west of the site within 235m by Middle Street. Further to the north west of the site within 400m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the south west of the site within 155m. The site is located within 345m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the west on Main Street. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas	++	The site is located within the south eastern edge of Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel

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emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

CROX3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 20 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 120m of Croxton Kerrial Church of England Primary School to the north east. However, the Local Plan states that there is only capacity at the school to accommodate an additional 17 dwellings (significantly fewer than the amount allocated at the village). Therefore, S106 agreements will need to be in place to accommodate the allocated housing. Overall a potential but uncertain significant positive effect is identified, depending on the required capacity improvements being delivered.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. Policy CROX3 also specifies that

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improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		safe pedestrian access must be provided, paying due regard to the differences in site levels between the site and the carriageway. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. The site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Croxton Kerrial and has been identified as being within LCZ3: Croxton Kerrial Southwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶² commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to small scale, intimate fieldscapes. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 65m of a potential Local Wildlife Site to the west which has been designated due to the presence of mature ash trees. Green Lane, Spring Cottages potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 135m of the site also to the west. In addition, Croxton Park SSSI is approximately 600m to the south west. As such, development may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. which could affect these sites. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known. Policy CROX3 specifies that proposals must incorporate measures to ensure no harm/damage will be caused to the nearby SSSI.

¹⁶² Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land and development at this site could therefore result in land which of moderate quality in terms of its agricultural grade being lost to another use. An overall minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore expected.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to education facilities (SA objective 2), a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and a minor negative score in relation to the economy (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (a small portion of the site to the north east is used to accommodate parking from the doctor's surgery located on the other side of The Nook) and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in

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necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.		Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the north east of the site within 245m by Middle Street. Further to the north east of the site within 490m a cemetery is located by the church on Church Lane. A footpath is located at the north of the site within 25m by Main Street and a byway is located to the east of the site within 5m. The site is located within 35m of Croxton Kerrial Surgery which is to the east on Main Street and although some of the site is currently used for car parking at the surgery, policy CROX3 specifies that replacement provision must be made so the development will not impede access to the surgery. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located at Croxton Kerrial which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Harby

HAR1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 15 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 320m of Harby Church of England Primary School which to the west. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Harby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 350m to the south east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Bat roosts at Boyer's Orchard are within 65m of the site to the south. A great crested newt breeding ground is located within 125m of the site to the south by Pinfold Lane. The site is also located within 365m of Grantham Canal Local Wildlife Site and SSSI which is to the north. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain as detailed proposals for the site are not yet known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. For most of the site it is unknown if the land is of Grade 3a or 3b quality (although the most easterly portion of the site has been identified as being of Grade 3b quality). Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Boyers Orchard Allotments are directly to the south of the site. Semi natural greenspace at Stathern Road Nature Reserve is located within 205m to the south east of the site. The closest public right of way to the site is a footpath which is by the western boundary of the site at Boyer's Orchard. However there is no healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) of the site or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HAR2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. Harby Church of England Primary School is located within 270m of the site to the south east. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Harby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	?	This site has not been assessed by Melton Borough Council in relation to the access that it provides to public transport links. As such an uncertain effect has been recorded.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	--?	This site is not located within 600m of an employment site or Melton Mowbray town centre. The site has also not been assessed by Melton Borough Council in relation to the access that it provides to public transport links. As such it has been unable to determine what level of access the site would provide to employment opportunities. However, the site includes existing employment land which would be lost as a result of housing development at the site. An overall

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		potential but uncertain significant effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council; therefore an uncertain effect is identified. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely, and that the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 75m of the Candidate Local Wildlife Site at Grantham Canal which is to the north. A number of bat roosts have also been identified in close proximity to the site and these closest of these is located within 200m to the south of the site by Nether Street. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain given that detailed proposals for the site are not yet known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	This site has not been assessed by Melton Borough Council in relation to potential impacts on local heritage assets. As such an uncertain effect has been recorded for this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on brownfield land, meaning that high quality agricultural land would not be lost as a result of its development. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty,	++/--?	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on the level of housing they might provide as

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.		well as their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2), and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). As the development of the site for residential use would result in the loss of an existing employment site a significant negative effect is expected on SA objective 4 although this is uncertain given that it has been unable to determine what level of access the site would provide to public transport links which might serve other employment sites further afield. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is likely on this SA objective due to the access it would provide to education facilities in particular and to a lesser extent the level of housing it might accommodate, as well as the loss of local employment opportunities which would result due to its development.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land and therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be already present onsite. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This effect is uncertain dependent upon whether such opportunities do in fact exist.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The village of Harby has a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The closest open space is located at the allotments which are within 65m of the site to the south by Nether Street. An amenity greenspace and a children's play area are both located on School Lane to the south east of the site within 100m and 120m respectively. There is a footpath within 25m to the east of the site on the other side of Langar lane. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is located entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b is on brownfield land. As such it is not expected to contribute to flood risk in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect on this SA objective is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HAR3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>Harby Church of England Primary School is located 523m west of the site. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Harby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 148m south east of the site although the site has less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation. Policy HAR3 requires that there is sensitive boundary treatment to the southern boundary adjoining the community orchard and nature reserve with additional of additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	An area has been identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 67m south west of the site [REDACTED]. Ridge and Furrow Pasture is a potential Local Wildlife Site located 530m south east of the site and Grantham Canal is a candidate Local Wildlife Site located 470m north west of the site. In addition Grantham Canal SSSI is located 410m north of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy HAR3 incorporates mitigation, stating that the land to the southern boundary of the site must be enhanced as a wildlife/biodiversity corridor and that there will be no adverse impact to any protect species. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value. Overall a negligible effect is therefore identified although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	-	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	The village of Harby has a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an area of semi-natural/natural greenspace located 20m south of the site on Stathern Road and Boyers Orchard allotments are located 200m west of the site. There is an area of open space located 590m west of the site on School Lane containing a children's play area and

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prolong life.		an amenity greenspace. There is a footpath 40m west of the site and another 200m from the site on Boyers Orchard leading north. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HAR4

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 20 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 335m of Harby Church of England Primary School which to the east. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Harby. Therefore, a</p>

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to education.		significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop and policy HAR4 specifies that a footpath link must be put in place linking the site to the village. Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 145m to the north east of the site and it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy HAR4 specifies that development must address the frontage to Colston Lane and have an active road frontage on the approach to the village and that the northern boundary must be sensitively treated with additional landscaping and improved boundary treatment.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Bat roosts on Burton Close are within 150m of the site to the south east. The site is also located within 300m of Grantham Canal Local Wildlife Site which is to the north. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy HAR4 incorporates biodiversity-related mitigation, stating that there must be biodiversity/ecology improvements within the site and that there will be no adverse impacts on any protected species. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value. Overall a negligible effect is therefore identified although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

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historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is, however, classed mostly as greenfield land (although it is recognised that a small part of the site to the south has already been developed) and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land (although some of the land to south has already been developed) and therefore development at this location presents very limited opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials which may be present on entirely brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The allotments at Nether Street are located to the north east of the site within 115m. School Lane Play Area is located within 265m to the north east of the site and amenity green space at School Lane is also located to the north east of the site within 270m. The closest public right of way to the site is a footpath at Langar Lane which is to the north east within 215m. However there is no healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) of the site or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HAR5

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable

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housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.		housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 30 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 365m of Harby Church of England Primary School which to the east. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Harby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. Policy HAR5 specifies that a footpath link to the village must be put in place. Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 145m east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy HAR5 specifies that development must address the frontage to Colston Lane and have an active road frontage on the approach to the village. It also requires that the northern and western boundaries are sensitively treated with the addition of soft attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments.
6. To conserve and	-?	The site is located within 150m of Grantham Canal Local Wildlife Site which is to the north. Bat roosts on Burton Close are within 190m of the site to the south east. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may

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enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.		result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy HAR5 incorporates biodiversity improvements specifying that there must be biodiversity/ecology improvements within the site and no adverse impacts to any protected species. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the presence of a pond onsite. Overall a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is, however, classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the residential site allocations on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The allotments at Nether Street are located to the east of the site within 120m. School Lane Play Area is located within 270m to the east of the site and amenity greenspace at School Lane is also located to the east of the site within 270m. The closest public right of way to the site is a footpath at Langar Lane which is to the east within 215m. However there is no healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) of the site or within the village of Harby. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such, locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
resources.		

Hose

HOS1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 25 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of Hose Church of England Primary School which is within 290m to the south. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Hose. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 135m north west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located partially within of a breeding area for Great Crested Newts. Bat roosts have been identified within 30m of the site to the south at Bolton Lane. In addition the site is located within 205m of Trackside Ash potential Local Wildlife Site which is to the south west. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the presence of a pond onsite and a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is, however, classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within 95m of Canal Road Allotments which are to the west. A bowling green is located 195m from the site to the east at Hose Village Hall Sports Field. By Church Close within 195m of the site to the south are amenity greenspace and a children's play area. The close proximity of the site to these areas of open space may encourage residents to engage in active outdoor recreation. A footpath runs along the western boundary of the site from Canal Lane. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Hose. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood

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change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.		risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HOS2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 22 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within walking distance of Hose Church of England Primary School (242m from the site). The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Hose. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 135m north west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Hose West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact and small scale landscape character related to this historic edge, balanced with the enclosed visual character and limited intervisibility with surrounding landscape and features. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. Policy HOS2 specifies that the development must address the frontage to Canal Lane and have an active road frontage on the approach to the village.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 50m of a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts. In addition the site is within 200m proximity of Local Wildlife Sites due to the presence of Trackside Ash (pLWS) and Churchyard Horse Chestnut (pLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy HOS2 specifies that the footpath and land to the south of the footpath is enhanced as a wildlife corridor and that there must be no adverse impact on any protected species. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the potential presence of a pond onsite as well as broadleaved woodland. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 170m of an amenity greenspace (Hose Village Green Amenity) and 80m from Canal Road Allotments. Hose Village Sports Field has a football pitch and bowling green and is located 300m east of the site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site and policy HOS2 specifies that the footpath link through the south of the site to Bolton Lane must be retained and enhanced with additional landscaping and improved boundary treatment. There is a bridleway 20m from the site and a footpath 138m south west of the site that leads Long Clawson. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Hose. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

HOS3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within walking distance of Hose Church of England Primary School (175m from site). The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Hose. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy HOS3 specifies that no

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improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		development should affect the footpath link to the north of the site to Bolton Lane.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 150m north west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Hose and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Hose West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact and small scale landscape character related to this historic edge, balanced with the enclosed visual character and limited intervisibility with surrounding landscape and features. Policy HOS3 includes some landscape mitigation, requiring that the northern boundary is enhanced with additional landscaping and improved boundary treatment and that the boundary landscaping and screening is provided to the southern boundary. Overall a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 130m of a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts. In addition the site is within 140m proximity of Local Wildlife Sites due to the presence of Traxside Ash (pLWS) and Churchyard Horse Chestnut (pLWS). As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy HOS3 includes some biodiversity mitigation, requiring that the land to the northern boundary of the site is enhanced as a wildlife corridor and that there will be no adverse impact to any protected species. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the potential presence of a pond onsite as well as broadleaved woodland. Overall a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.

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their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 120m of an amenity greenspace (Hose Village Green Amenity) and 120m from Canal Road Allotments. Hose Village Sports Field has a football pitch and bowling green and is located 330m north east of the site. There are a number of footpaths and bridleways surrounding the site. There is a bridleway 112m north of the site and a footpath 117m from the site that leads Long Clawson. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Hose. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Hose which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Long Clawson

LONG1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within 600m of a school although there is one school (Long Clawson Church of England Primary School) located within the village. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on whether capacity is improved there to accommodate the new development – the Local Plan specifies that the allocated sites in Long Clawson should only be brought forward for development when primary places have been provided as the Local Education Authority has significant concerns about the capacity of the school to accommodate additional pupils from the housing proposed.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council’s site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment	+	The site is located within 220m of an existing employment site to the north east by Hickling Lane. The site has been identified through the Council’s site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south western edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶³ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. In addition, it is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study states in the assessment of overall sensitivity of the landscape character zone which this site lies within that the settlement edge in this area is prominent. Therefore, sympathetic new development may offer opportunities to improve this. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. The site is also located within 320m of a Local Wildlife Site to the west. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on Grade 3b Agricultural Land and development at this location could therefore result in moderate quality agricultural land being lost to another use. As such a minor negative effect is identified on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

¹⁶³ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1), education (SA objective 2), and to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site options on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Allotments are located to the south east of the site within 115m on Melton Road. A cemetery is located on Sand Pit Lane within 470m of the site to the east. Amenity green space is accessible within 565m of the site to the east also by Sand Pit Lane. A footpath is located at the north western corner of the site towards Coronation Avenue. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of Long Clawson Medical Practice; however the site is considered to have reasonable access to this facility given that they are both located within Long Clawson. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also	++	The site is located on Melton Road towards the south western edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

LONG2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 26 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 50m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the north; however the Local Plan states that the Local Education Authority has significant concerns about the capacity of the school to accommodate additional pupils from the housing proposed and specifies that the allocated sites in Long Clawson should only be brought forward for development when primary places have been provided. Policy LONG2 states that the development of the site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. Overall a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is

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improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 230m of an existing employment site to the north west by Church Lane. The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶⁴ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should be small scale and well integrated, and should achieve a gradation of density to the outer edges, and that, given the interface with the wider agricultural landscape, lit settlement edges should be avoided as far as possible. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.

¹⁶⁴ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 3 in terms of agricultural quality (at this stage it is unknown if the land is of Grade 3a or 3b quality). As such development at this site may result in the loss of high quality greenfield agricultural land a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 90m of an amenity greenspace and children's playground on Back Lane to the south. Two additional children's playgrounds are located within 240m of the site to the north east on The Sands. Cricket pitches are located to the north west of the site within 210m by Barkers Field. Two footpaths are adjacent to the site to the south and these connect to Mill lane and Sandpit Lane respectively and may encourage new residents to make use of more active forms of transport. One of these footpaths is within the boundaries of the site also however and a partial loss of this feature is therefore possible as a result of this development meaning an uncertain significant negative effect is expected. The site is located 160m of Long Clawson Medical Practice which is to the north east on The Sands. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located in Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. However, policy LONG2 incorporates mitigation, stating that drainage infrastructure must be available to accommodate the surface water from the site without causing or exacerbating flooding elsewhere. A negligible effect is therefore likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

LONG3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
<p>1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.</p>	+	<p>All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 50 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.</p>
<p>2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 540m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the west; however the Local Plan states that the Local Education Authority has significant concerns about the capacity of the school to accommodate additional pupils from the housing proposed and specifies that the allocated sites in Long Clawson should only be brought forward for development when primary places have been provided. Policy LONG3 states that the development of the site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. Overall a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is identified.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	+	<p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the</p>	-	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶⁵ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield sites, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation. Policy LONG3 specifies that that substantial boundary landscaping and screening must be provided and that all existing boundary hedges and trees must be retained.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	This site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. The site is also located within 210m of a bat roost which has been identified to the north east on Hose Lane. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the mosaic of habitats present which have potential to support numerous species of fauna. A potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that the development may allow for increased habitat connectivity through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land (only the southern part of the site remains undeveloped) meaning that land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost to another use. As such a potential minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

¹⁶⁵ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is identified as being located on mostly brownfield land. Development of this site could therefore involve the reuse of existing buildings and materials already onsite; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain given that the extent to which such opportunities exist is unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 115m of two allotments to the west and to the north on East End and Hose Lane respectively. Access to a children's playground is located to the east of the site within 370m on The Sands. A footpath runs along the northern edge of the site to connect to Water Lane to the east. The site is located within 375m of the healthcare centre in Long Clawson which is on The Sands to the west. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in	++	The site is located on Waltham Lane towards the south eastern edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely. In addition, policy LONG3 incorporates mitigation, stating that drainage infrastructure must be available to accommodate the surface water from the site without causing or exacerbating flooding elsewhere.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

LONG4

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 55 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 330m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the north east; however the Local Plan states that the Local Education Authority has significant concerns about the capacity of the school to accommodate additional pupils from the housing proposed and specifies that the allocated sites in Long Clawson should only be brought forward for development when primary places have been provided. Policy LONG4 states that the development of the site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. Overall a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 290m of an existing employment site to the north west on Church Lane. The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Long Clawson and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Long Clawson South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶⁶ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to complex landscape pattern which has an intimate scale. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy LONG4 specifies that substantial boundary landscaping and screening must be provided and that all existing boundary hedges and trees should be retained. Overall a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	This site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. The site is also located within 80m of a bat roost which has been identified to the north on W End and within 135m of an additional bat roost which has been identified to the north on Church Lane. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation. Mitigation is built into policy LONG4 which specifies that an area of open space must be included in the development to provide a buffer from the adjacent listed building to the north, to protect its setting and that a heritage assessment must be provided with impacts assessed and suitable mitigation measures identified. This should pay particular attention to the effect of the development proposal on the Conservation Area, the setting of adjacent listed buildings and potential archaeological interests. Overall a potential but uncertain negligible effect is identified.

¹⁶⁶ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown if the land has been classified as Grade 3a or 3b quality at this stage) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to education (SA objective 2), and minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective particularly in relation to the good level of access the site provides to education opportunities but also considering the potential level of housing the site may accommodate and also the good level of access to employment opportunities this site provides.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be unlikely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. A cemetery is located adjacent to the site to the south east and an amenity greenspace is located within 40m of the site to the south east on the other side of Sandpit Lane. Further amenity greenspace and a children's playground are located within 190m of the site to the east on Back Lane. Access to an additional cemetery is located to the north of the site within 150m. The nearest footpath is located within 40m of the site to the south where it crosses Sandpit Lane. The site is located within 470m of the healthcare centre in Long Clawson. Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located on Sand Pit Lane towards the southern edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. Policy LONG4 includes mitigation, specifying that drainage infrastructure must be available to accommodate the surface water from these sites without causing or exacerbating flooding elsewhere. A negligible effect is therefore expected overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Old Dalby

OLD1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 20 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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present and future residents of the Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The Old Dalby Church of England Primary School is located 142m south east of the site. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Old Dalby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	<p>The site is located in Old Dalby and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Old Dalby North in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has medium-high sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge, established within the valley bowl contours of the landscape as experienced within views from the LCZ. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity greenspace features are located on Derdale Hill located 120m south west of the site and a children's play area on Church Lane located 320m south from site. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located 130m south from site. There is a footpath following the boundary of the site. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
resources.		

OLD2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 15 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school; however there is a school in the village (Old Dalby Church of England Primary School). The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Old Dalby. Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site (Old Dalby Trading Estate) located within 40m of the site to the east and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	There is an area identified as containing Bat Roosts located within 75m to the south of the site. The closest Local Wildlife Site is Sidings which is located within 380m of the site to the south. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality. As such the provision of housing at this location may result in the loss of this agricultural land which of moderate quality. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a minor positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) as well as for both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the relatively close proximity of the site to education facilities as well as the level of housing and access to employment opportunities that the site may provide.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located within 205m of a footpath which is to the west at Station Road. However, the site is not located within walking distance of any open spaces or healthcare facilities. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		

Somerby

SOM1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 27 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 525m of Somerby Primary School to the north west on High Street. However, the Local Plan specifies that capacity improvements will be required at the school to accommodate new housing. Policy SOM1 addresses this issue, stating that development will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. Overall a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Somerby and has been identified as being within LCZ 4: Somerby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶⁷ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to open character of the landscape which is combined with an eroded cultural pattern. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site contains land which has been identified as being an important area for breeding great crested newts. A bat roost has also been identified within 240m of the site to the north west at High Street. As such the close proximity of the site to these identified features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Policy SOM1 incorporates mitigation for impacts on biodiversity, requiring that it is demonstrated that there are no adverse impacts to any protected species, or that such impacts can be adequately mitigated. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to there being trees onsite with bat roost potential and a pond with records of great crested newt. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	--?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 3 agricultural quality (it is unclear at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b). As such residential development at this location may result in the loss of high quality agricultural land and a potential significant negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.

¹⁶⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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enhancing soil quality.		
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 175m of Town End Cemetery on Pickwell Road to the north west. The nearest amenity greenspace is located within 445m of the site to the north west also on Pickwell Road. A semi-natural greenspace is located within 290m of the site to the north west by High Street. A cemetery is provided at All Saints Church which is

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		within 345m of the site to the north west. A footpath is accessible to the north of the site within 115m which links to Pickwell Road and Oakham Road to the north west and west respectively. The site is located within 35m of Somerby Surgery which is to the north on Oakham Road. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located on Oakham Road towards the eastern boundary of Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. Policy SOM1 incorporates mitigation, requiring that it is demonstrated that flooding mitigation measures will be deployed and the site can be adequately drained without resulting in adverse impacts on flooding elsewhere. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SOM2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 42 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located 95m from Somerby Primary School. However, the Local Plan specifies that capacity improvements will be required at the school to accommodate new housing. Policy SOM2 addresses this issue, stating that development</p>

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to education.		will be supported provided that provision is made within the boundaries of the site for the expansion of the adjacent primary school and that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. With this mitigation taken into account a significant positive effect is likely.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Somerby and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Somerby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the open character of the landscape with eroded cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There is an area consisting of breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 95m east of the site [REDACTED]. In addition there are three Local Wildlife Sites within a 550m proximity to the site; the Earthworks Grasslands, Somerby Meadow and Southfields Farm. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to there being woodland to the east, although there was limited access to assess the hedges and grassland onsite. Overall a potential minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision

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		of green infrastructure.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3a Agricultural Quality. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This would result in an overall significant negative effect.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, the site was given a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed (significant positive/minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as mainly greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on entirely brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature and a children's play area located in the north west corner of the site and also Mill Lane Allotments located 140m north from site. There is an area of semi natural greenspace located 275m north east from site along the High Street and another amenity greenspace feature 180m away. There is a bridleway following the western site boundary of the site leading south and another following the eastern site boundary also leading south. In addition Somerby Surgery is located 470m east of the site. Policy SOM2 specifies that the existing play area on the site must be relocated and enhanced as an integral part of the development. As such an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		

Stathern

STAT1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located 135m east from Stathern Primary School. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Stathern. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0?	The site is located in Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Stathern West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the relatively expansive, open landscape and little topographic variation, with some distinctive features including ridge and furrow and prominent views out of the settlement. The site is not within an Area of Separation. Policy STAT1 incorporates mitigation, requiring that the southern and western boundaries are sensitively treated with additional landscaping and improved boundary treatments; therefore a negligible effect is most likely overall although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located 218m west from a potential Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of Rundle Beck Willows and 428m from Mill Hill Grasslands (pLWS). [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is mainly greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as mainly greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted that there is a building in the northern sector of the site.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Water Lane located 142m from site and there is a children's play area located 160m north west of the site. In addition Penn Lane Allotments are located 217m north of the site. There is not a sports facility within walking distance (600m) from the site. There is a footpath 48m south east from site which leads south and another 150m south of site which leads west. However the village of Stathern does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3a (11%); however the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site. Policy STAT1 includes mitigation, requiring that flood mitigation measures are put in place and that the drainage infrastructure is available to accommodate the surface water from this site. An overall minor negative effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

STAT2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 17 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located 410m from Stathern Primary School. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Stathern. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0?	The site is located in Stathern and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Stathern West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the relatively expansive, open landscape and little topographic variation, with some distinctive features including ridge and furrow and prominent views out of the settlement. The site is not within an Area of Separation. Policy STAT2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that the development is low density and that there is sensitive boundary treatment to the western and northern boundary with the additional of soft attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments. A negligible effect is therefore most likely although this is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	There is a potential Local Wildlife Site located 90m south west of the site due to the presence of Rundle Beck Willows and another Local Wildlife Site located 710m north west of the site which is a disused railway from Stathern Road to Harby Lane. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy STAT2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that it is demonstrated that there are no adverse impacts to any protected species, or that such impacts can be adequately mitigated. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.

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8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity greenspace feature on Water Lane located 381m from site and there is a children's play area located 408m south east of the site. In addition Penn Lane Allotments are located 212m from the site. There is not a sports facility within walking distance (600m) from the site. There is a footpath 208m south east of the site which leads to Main Street and another 226m north east of the site from Penn Lane. However the village of Stathern does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Stathern which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Waltham on the Wolds

WAL1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 26 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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residents of the Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 390m of Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School to the west. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Waltham on the Wolds. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	<p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	<p>This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study¹⁶⁸ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on greenfield land which may mean that adverse effects are more likely (subject to mitigation), but the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.</p>

¹⁶⁸ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 130m of an area which has been identified as breeding location for great crested newts to the east. A bat roost has also been identified in close proximity to the site on High Street within 240m to the north west. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).

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		The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 80m of an allotment on High Street to the east. The site is also located within 145m of St Mary Magdalene Church to the west on High Street which provides access to an allotment and a cemetery. An amenity greenspace can be accessed within 325m to the north west by Melton Road. A footpath runs along the southern edge of the site towards High Street in the east. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Waltham on the Wolds does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
efficient use of water resources.		

WAL2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively large and has been allocated for 106 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 140m of Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School to the north. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Waltham on the Wolds. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites. However the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the southern western edge of Waltham on the Wolds and has been identified as being mostly within the LCZ5: Waltham on the Wolds South (a small portion of the site to the north is located within LCZ4: Waltham on the Wolds Southeast) in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁶⁹ commissioned by the Council. The area in which most of the site falls within has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the largely intact landscape character, the presence of rare historic landscape elements and the relative intricacy of landscape scale and pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 345m of bat roosts which have been identified to the north by High Street at St Magdalene's Church. The closest designated biodiversity or geodiversity site is located within 590m to the west of the site at Waltham Grassland East Local Wildlife Site. As such the proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy WAL2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that mitigation is provided for the Great Crested Newts occupying the ponds at the site. It also states that compensation for loss of habitats will be required and biodiversity enhancements incorporated into the final layout and design. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value (assuming the plantation woodland on the western boundary of the site is retained). Overall a potential negligible effect is therefore identified although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known, in particular whether the woodland would be retained.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is located within 175m of the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area which is to the east. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land and development at this location would result in this moderate quality agricultural land being lost to another use. An overall minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with very good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

¹⁶⁹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to housing (SA objective 1) and education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and its potential to provide a high level of housing in particular as well as the relative proximity of the site to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 250m of St Mary Magdalene Church on High Street which provides access to an allotment and a cemetery. An amenity green space can be accessed within 420m to the north by Melton Road. Further allotments are located on High Street within 460m of the site to the east. A children's playground is located within 420m of the site to the north west on Goadby Road. Two footpaths run from the western edge of the site across Melton Road. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Waltham on the Wolds does not contain a healthcare centre. Although there are two footpaths run within the boundaries of the site, policy WAL2 specifies that the layout of development must take into consideration the two public footpaths E99 and F1 that cross the site and secure the connectivity to the wider public footpath network. A negligible effect on health is therefore identified overall.

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15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located by Melton Road towards the southern edge of Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. Policy WAL2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that there is appropriate flood and drainage assessment proposing mitigation effective to deal with the scale of the impacts identified. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Wymondham

WYM1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 12 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is located within 75m of St Peter's Church of England Primary School to the north. The Local Plan states that

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that people have access to education.		there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Wymondham. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ 1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷⁰ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should be of an appropriate scale, contained by existing landform and features, and should respect the linear character of the settlement contained in the valley setting. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.

¹⁷⁰ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 350m and 570m of bat roosts to the east on Main Street and on Nurses Lane respectively. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which is of unknown grade in terms of agricultural quality although it is noted that land in close proximity to the site has been identified as being Grade 3b. As such residential development at this location may result in the loss of agricultural land which is of moderate quality and a potential minor negative effect is identified. This minor negative effect is uncertain dependent upon the agricultural quality of this site.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities as well as the high level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
		the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 280m of an amenity green space on Main Street to the east. The site is located within 565m of the cemetery on Nurses Lane which is also to east. The site is bordered by a footpath at its north western corner by Glebe Road and another footpath is accessible to the east by Rookery Lane within 65m of the site. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Wymondham does not contain a healthcare centre. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located between Glebe Road and Rookery Lane on the western edge of Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
resources.		

WYM2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 21 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>St Peter's Church of England Primary School is located 500m west of the site. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Wymondham. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the often small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. The site is not within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The north eastern corner of the site contains an area which has been identified as being of importance for local bat roosts. [REDACTED] Wymondham Hedgerow potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 575m to the east of the site and another Local Wildlife Site, Wymondham Grassland, is located within 695m also to the east of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value (assuming that the trees located adjacent to the site are protected) and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is classed as greenfield land; however the grade of the Agricultural Land is unknown. Nearby greenfield land has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land. As such a potential minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain as the agricultural land quality of this site is unknown.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to

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inclusion.		employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is an amenity green space feature located on Main Street within 230m to the south west of the site and allotments also on Main Street are located within 140m of the site. The closest public right of way to the site is the footpath which is located within 65m to the north. However there are no sports facilities or healthcare facilities in the village of Wymondham, therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

WYM3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 30 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 235m of St Peter's Church of England Primary School to the south west. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Wymondham. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located towards the northern edge of Wymondham and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Wymondham West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷¹ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the small scale landscape pattern, settlement edge integration and cultural pattern. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. However, this negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. It is noted that the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study sets out some design guidance which may help to mitigate effects on the landscape, including that any development should be of an appropriate scale, contained by existing landform and features, and should respect the linear character of the settlement contained in the valley setting. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites (the closest of such features is located within 690m at Wymondham Grassland Local Wildlife Site to the east); however the site is within 175m and 215m of bat roosts to the south east on Main Street and to the east on Butt Lane respectively. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in damage or disturbance. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and	--?	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified overall although this is uncertain depending on whether the

¹⁷¹ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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enhancing soil quality.		land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective re negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 60m of an amenity green space on Main Street to the south. An allotment is located within 310m of the site to the south east also on Main Street. The nearest footpath is located to the south of the site within 80m. However, the site is

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prolong life.		not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Wymondham does not contain a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located by Main Street on the northern edge of Wymondham which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. Policy WYM3 incorporates mitigation, requiring appropriate flood and drainage assessments proposing mitigation effective to deal with the scale of the impacts are identified. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Easthorpe

EAST1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning,	+	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.

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enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school as the nearest to the site is 833m away in adjoining village of Bottesford. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at that school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Easthorpe. Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site and has less than 2 hourly public transport services /is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Easthorpe and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	There is a potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Castle View Road Pond cLWS) 413m south of the site and another due to the presence of Mature Ash and Mature Horse Chestnut Plws within proximity of 250m from the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-/+?	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located primarily on brownfield land; however the greenfield part of the site has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Quality land. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. However high quality agricultural land may also be lost to another use. Overall a mixed effect (minor negative/uncertain minor positive) is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located primarily on brownfield land and therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such an uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within a 600m proximity north west of the site, the closest being 395m away (Grantham Road Village Green). Easthorpe Road Allotments are located 307m north of the site. There are a number of children's play areas located within proximity of 460 north west of the site such as Grantham Road Play Area. Bottesford Cricket and Social Club is located within walking distance (600m) to the site. There is a footpath 178m north east of the site and another 210m west of the site which leads to Bottesford. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility and the village of Easthorpe does not have a GP practice, although the adjoining village of Bottesford does have a facility located 800m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and	-	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3b and 1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

EAST2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 12 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school as the nearest to the site is 670m away in adjoining village of Bottesford. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at that school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Easthorpe. Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having less than 2 hourly public transport services and is located more than 400m from a bus stop; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site

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new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		and has less than 2 hourly public transport services/is located more than 400m from a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Easthorpe and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Bottesford Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has high sensitivity to residential development due to its role in forming the intrinsic setting to the historic hamlet of Easthorpe and separation between settlements of differing characters. The site is within an Area of Separation. Policy EAST2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that there is sensitive boundary treatment to the south and southwest boundary with the additional of soft attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	There is a potential Local Wildlife Site (Bottesford, Castle View Road Pond cLWS) 423m south of the site and another due to the presence of Mature Ash and Mature Horse Chestnut Plws within proximity of 190m from the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy EAST2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that the four protected trees to the site frontage are retained and suitable protection measures are put in place through the duration of the development and that suitable measures are incorporated to ensure there will be no adverse impacts to protected species. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value (assuming that the narrow woodland belt within the site would be protected). As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective although this is uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use and an overall significant negative effect is likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2) and a minor negative score in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within a 470m proximity north west of the site, the closest being 390m away (Bottesford Village Hall Field). Easthorpe Road Allotments are located 315m north of the site and a children's play area is located 360m away (Bottesford Village Hall Play Area). A football pitch on Belvoir Road and Bottesford Cricket and Social Club which includes a bowling green and cricket pitch are located within walking distance (600m) to the site. There is a footpath on the southern site boundary which leads to Bottesford. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare facility and the village of Easthorpe does not have a GP practice; however the adjoining

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		village of Bottesford does have a facility located 725m from the site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Easthorpe which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b (2% of the site is within Flood Zone 3b and 1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3a) but it is on greenfield land. Policy EAST2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that flood mitigation measures must have been put in place and the drainage infrastructure is available to accommodate the surface water from this site. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Ab Kettleby

ABK1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the allocated residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 10 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.

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innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		Ab Kettleby Community Primary School is located within 435m to the west of the site. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at that school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Ab Kettleby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	<div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p>Brown's Hill and Mineral Line Local Wildlife Site is located within 990m to the east of the site. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.</p>

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land quality. As such development at this location may result in the loss of agricultural land which is of moderate quality and therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an open space; however there are a number of PRowS surrounding the site. There is a footpath located within 15m of the site to the south which leads towards Potter Hill Farm and another footpath which is located within 45m of the site to the north which leads towards Holwell. There are also no sports facilities or healthcare facilities within the village of Ab Kettleby; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Ab Kettleby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is outside of Flood Zone 3b and only a very small area of the site (1%) is within Flood Zone 3a. However, as the site is on greenfield land, a minor negative effect on flood risk is identified overall.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Asfordby Hill

ASFH1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
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SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 49 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 260m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the north east. The Local Plan states that the school will be over capacity over the next four years, but policy ASFH1 therefore states that further development of site ASFH1 will be supported only when local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The site is located within 290m of an existing employment site to the north of Melton Road and to the west of Welby Road and has also been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Asfordby Hill South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷² commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development. In this area the riverine landscape forms an area sensitive to development but this is offset by more eroded valley side landscape pattern with the valley crests displaying settlement edge influences. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective given the area's medium sensitivity to residential development. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 425m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north east. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within 190m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which has been identified to the west. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is on south western edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

¹⁷² Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to both education (SA objective 2) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Football pitches are provided within 125m of the site to the north on Melton Road. An amenity greenspace and a children's playground are both located at Melton Road to the north east of the site within 270m. A footpath is located within 170m of the site to the north east by Melton Road and this may encourage people to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle. However, the site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a healthcare centre and the village of Asfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Overall a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is on south western edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

ASFH2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 47 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 245m of Asfordby Hill Primary School which is to the north east. The Local Plan states that the school will be over capacity over the next four years, but policy ASFH2 therefore states that further development of site ASFH2 will be supported only when local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is located within 395m of an existing employment site to the west of Welby Road and has also been assessed by the Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and as being within 400m of a bus stop. As such, given that this site is in close proximity to an employment site and also provides good access to the main service centres in the area where further employment opportunities are likely to be located via public transport, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Asfordby Hill and has been identified as being within the LCZ 2: Asfordby Hill South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷³ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development. In this area the riverine landscape forms an area sensitive to development but this is offset by more eroded valley side landscape pattern with the valley crests displaying settlement edge influences. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 510m of a Local Wildlife Site which is designated due to the presence of calcareous grassland to the north. As such the relative proximity of the site to this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value (despite potential bat hibernacula) and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and	--?	The site is located within 220m of a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area which has been identified to the south. The proximity of the site to this area may influence the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also on greenfield

¹⁷³ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is on south eastern edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with moderate access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to both housing (SA objective 1) and access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as accessibility to employment opportunities and the level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity

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healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		greenspace and a children's playground are both located by Melton Road to the north of the site within 190m. Football pitches are provided within 230m of the site to the north on Melton Road. A footpath is located within 220m of the site to the north also by Melton Road and this may encourage people to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle. However, the site is not located within walking distance of a healthcare centre (600m) and the village of Asfordby Hill also does not contain any healthcare facilities. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is on eastern edge of Asfordby Hill which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Frisby on the Wreake

FRIS1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

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2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 380m of Frisby of England Primary School to the west. The Local Plan identifies capacity issues at the school and notes that development at Frisby will require the school to expand to accommodate growth. However, policy FRIS1 states that development of this site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available or can be created through developer contributions. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	<p>The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. The site does, however, provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	<p>The site is located towards the south eastern edge of Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ 3: Frisby South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study¹⁷⁴ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to medium scale landscape which is contained by the rising topography to the south towards Leicester Road. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.</p>

¹⁷⁴ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of bat roosts which have been identified in the village of Frisby on the Wreake to the west. Bat roosts have been identified at Mill Lane, St Thomas a Becket's Church and Main Street which are located between 275m and 440m of the site. As such the relative proximity of the site to these features may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality) and development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate

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and the fear of crime.		lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land and therefore development at this location would be less likely to involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Cricket pitches are located to the west of the site within 350m by Main Street. To the north of the site within 220m allotments are located by Mill Lane. A footpath is located to the north of the site within 155m which runs to Mill Lane. However, the site is not located in a village that contains a GP practice. Overall a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is located on Great Lane within the eastern edge of Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
efficient use of water resources.		

FRIS2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 14 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 335m of Frisby Church of England Primary School which is to the south east. The Local Plan identifies capacity issues at the school and notes that development at Frisby will require the school to expand to accommodate growth. However, policy FRIS2 states that development of this site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available or can be created through developer contributions. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Frisby on the Wreake West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due small scale character and presence of important and relatively intact historic landscape elements such as ridge and furrow field systems. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 590m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the south west. [REDACTED] Asfordby Amateur Sports Club candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 765m to the north east of the site. As such the fairly close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is located on a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Quality. A minor negative effect is therefore expected overall on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is the closest sports facility to the site which is located within 185m to the east. There is a footpath within 115m to the east of the site which runs from Well Field Lane. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance of the site and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy FRIS2 incorporates mitigation for noise issues which could otherwise affect health, requiring that it is demonstrated by means of a noise assessment that noise from the railway to the north of the sites can be adequately mitigated.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. Policy FRIS2 incorporates mitigation, stating that flood mitigation measures must have been put in place and the drainage infrastructure must be available to accommodate the surface water from this site.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

FRIS3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is adjacent to Frisby Church of England Primary School which is to the north. The Local Plan identifies capacity issues at the school and notes that development at Frisby will require the school to expand to accommodate growth. However, policy FRIS3 states that development of this site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available or can be created through developer contributions and requires that provision is made within the boundaries of the site for the expansion of the adjacent primary school. A significant positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and has been identified as being within the LCZ3: Frisby on the Wreake South in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the medium scale landscape that is contained by rising topography to the south, up to Leicester Road. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This minor negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 615m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the west. [REDACTED] As such the close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located mostly within a gypsum Mineral Consultation Area with a relatively small section of the northern part of the site identified as being within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The majority of the site is also classed as greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality (a small portion of the northern part of the site is located on land which has been identified as being Grade 3b quality Agricultural Land but the rest is unspecified). Development at this location could

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		therefore also result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the remainder of the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is within Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services, public transport and employment opportunities; however this level of access is reduced in comparison to that which is provided at Melton Mowbray and the Service Centres in the Borough. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and	0	The site is located in proximity of a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare facility which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Frisby on Wreake allotments are located within 600m to the north east of the site and Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is

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prolong life.		located within 230m to the north of the site. There is a footpath along the western boundary of the site. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Gaddesby

GADD1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 14 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning,	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.

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enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.		Gaddesby Primary School located within 495m of the site to the south east. The Local Plan states that the school is currently at risk of being undersubscribed; therefore new development within the village will help to support the school and ensure its ongoing viability. A significant positive effect is therefore expected.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located partially within an area which contains habitats for great crested newts. Buttercup Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 150m of the site to the west. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the presence of woodland onsite and the potential presence of protected species. A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified on this SA objective. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that mitigation could be incorporated and the development may allow for biodiversity enhancements, for example through the onsite provision of green infrastructure.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3a Agricultural Land. Development at this location would therefore result in greenfield land which is of good quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This would result in an overall significant negative effect.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant and minor positive scores respectively in relation to access to education facilities and potential housing provisions (SA objectives 2 and 1), however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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materials.		
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Paske Avenue Play Area is located within 535m of the site to the north east and a footpath is located within 15m of the site to the south at the opposite side of Rearsby Road. However, the village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable limited amounts of travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

GADD2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies.

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housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.		This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 30 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. Gaddesby Primary School is located directly adjacent to the south of the site. The Local Plan states that the school is currently at risk of being undersubscribed; therefore new development within the village will help to support the school and ensure its ongoing viability. A significant positive effect is therefore expected.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy GADD2 incorporates some landscape-related mitigation, stating that where possible, the vegetation screen off Ashby Road must be retained, so far as it is practicable.

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Gaddesby Brook with Crayfish Local Wildlife Site is located within 80m of the site to the south east and Mill Farm Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located within 650m of the site to the south east. There is [REDACTED] an area identified [REDACTED] as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located within 425m to the west of the site. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these sites and features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy GADD2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that there are no adverse impacts on the nearby Local Wildlife Site located in proximity to the eastern boundary. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The development of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation. The site is also located mostly on greenfield land which has been identified as Grade 3b Agricultural Land, although it is recognised that some of the northern part of the site is located on land which has been identified as being either Grade 3a or 3b Agricultural Land. Development at this location could therefore result in greenfield land which is of moderate quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall minor negative effect although this is uncertain depending on whether part of the site incorporates Grade 3a land which is considered to be high quality.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objectives 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing provision (SA objective 1); however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular and also the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.

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11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0/--?	Paske Avenue Play Area is located 535m north of the site. However, there is a footpath which runs through the centre of the site to the north towards Church Lane and development at this location may result in the loss of this public right of way dependent upon the exact design of the new development. The village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall mixed effect (negligible /uncertain significant negative) is identified in relation to this SA objective, as it is uncertain whether the footpath would be lost due to the development.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable limited amounts of travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site has been assessed as being partially within Flood Zone 3b (8%); however the SFRA did not identify any of the types of SuDS assessed as being possibly unsuitable at this site. Policy GADD2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that mitigation measures against flood risk are provided due the proximity of the site to the Gaddesby Brook. A minor negative effect is therefore identified overall.
17. To maintain and	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.		

GADD3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 11 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand. There are no schools within 600m of the site although there is a primary school in Gaddesby. The Local Plan states that the school is currently at risk of being undersubscribed; therefore new development within the village will help to support the school and ensure its ongoing viability. A minor positive effect is therefore expected.
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment	-	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	--?	The site is located within an area identified as having medium to high sensitivity to residential development. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	Rose Cottage Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located 253m north of the site and another Local Wildlife Site is Buttercup Meadow located 590m south west of the site. An area identified as containing probable breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts can be located 100m south west of the site [REDACTED]. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is located within a gypsum Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may therefore impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3a Agricultural Land, and development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. An overall significant negative effect is therefore expected.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty,	+/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and education (SA objectives 1 and 2),

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.		however a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the close proximity of the site to education facilities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential site allocations on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land; therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Paske Avenue Play Area is located 136m south of the site. There are two footpaths adjacent to the west of the site, one leading north and the other leading west. However, the village of Gaddesby does not have a healthcare facility. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Gaddesby which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable limited amounts of travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
within the Borough and elsewhere.		
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Thorpe Arnold

THOR1

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential site allocations are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and has been allocated for 27 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school, with pupils being accommodated in Melton Mowbray. The Local Plan states that large-scale housing in Thorpe Arnold, along with proposed growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local primary schools. However, policy THOR1 addresses this issue, supporting development at the site provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. As such an overall minor positive effect is expected.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy THOR1 requires that footways are provided to ensure a safe pedestrian access from the development into the village.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ1: Thorpe Arnold Northeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ1 has a medium sensitivity to residential development. The existing settlement edge is exposed in part and this could be mitigated through small scale development with appropriate landscaping on this edge. The site is not within an Area of Separation. Policy THOR1 incorporates landscape-related mitigation, requiring that a comprehensive landscape scheme, providing substantial boundary landscaping and screening to mitigate impacts of the development when viewed from the open countryside, is provided. Overall a potential negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. This effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	[REDACTED] there is [REDACTED] an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 623m west of the site. In addition Brentingby Lodge Farm Meadow (Local Wildlife Site) is located 688m north east of the site and Corfe Wet Grassland is another Local Wildlife Site located 475m south west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy THOR1 incorporates biodiversity-related mitigation, requiring that biodiversity enhancements are provided within the site to mitigate any loss of habitat as a result of loss of hedgerows/trees. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
their settings.		
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, half of the site is Grade 3b and the other half is unknown at this stage if the land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential site allocations on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment (SA objectives 1 and 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the access to employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the distance to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.

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13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential site allocations will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 845m north west from site on Hunts Drive and Doctors Lane Allotments are located 1161m from site. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 395m north east of the site and another sports facility is Thorpe Road Recreation Ground which has a football pitch located 923m south west from site. There is a footpath on the northern site boundary leading east to Woodfold Lane and another 120m west of the site that leads north. However the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

Reserve sites (listed in policy C1b)

HAR6

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and is a reserve site for 60 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located 480m from Harby Church of England Primary School. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the housing allocations at Harby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy HAR1 requires that footpath/cycling links are put in place linking and connecting the site to the village.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located 185m east of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	0?	The site is located in Harby and has been identified as being within LCZ5: Harby Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ5 has a medium sensitivity to residential development due to the well-integrated and defined settlement edge associated with the Grantham Canal that in turn contributes to the enclosed visual character that has low sensitivity to changes. Policy HAR5 incorporates mitigation, requiring that the northern and western boundaries are sensitively treated with the addition of soft attractive edging, additional landscaping and sensitive boundary treatments, particularly along the canal corridor. As such a negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. This effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within 630m of Grantham Canal SSSI which is to the north east. There is also a breeding pond for Great Crested Newts located 630m east of the site. There is a Local Wildlife Site along the northern site boundary (Grantham Canal cLWS) and another 605m south of the site (Hose Lane Grassland). However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of high ecological value due to it being adjacent to a canal, a cLWS, and woodland on the western boundary. It was also found that the site has the potential to support a range of protected and notable species. Policy HAR5 incorporates mitigation, stating that the woodland and trees, including the riparian corridor along the Grantham Canal candidate LWS, surrounding the site, is to be protected and enhanced as wildlife corridors with appropriate biodiversity improvement. It requires that there will be no adverse impact to any protected species. Taking this mitigation into account, a minor effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall although the negative effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land and only the western part of the site remains undeveloped which has been identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land (it is unknown at this stage if the land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality). Therefore land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost to another use. As such a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given significant positive scores in relation to education (SA objective and 2) and a minor positive score in relation to access to housing (SA objective 1) and employment opportunities (SA objective 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located mainly on brownfield land and therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in proximity to open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There is a greenspace feature and play area located 337m east of the site on School Lane. Nether Street Allotments are located 220m from site. There is a footpath located 112m from the site starting at Colston Lane and another 266m north east from site. However there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) or within the village of Harby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also	++	The site is in Harby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

LONG5

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and is a reserve site for 40 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 470m of Long Clawson Church of England Primary School to the south west; however the Local Plan states that the Local Education Authority has significant concerns about the capacity of the school to accommodate additional pupils from the housing proposed and specifies that the allocated sites in Long Clawson should only be brought forward for development when primary places have been provided. Policy LONG5 states that the development of the site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. Overall a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure,	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the emerging Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷⁵ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to development on greenfield sites, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation. Policy LONG5 incorporates landscape mitigation requiring that substantial boundary landscaping and screening is provided and that all existing boundary hedges and trees are retained.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site contains an area which has been identified as being breeding ground for great crested newts. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.

¹⁷⁵ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?	The site is not located in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area. The site is located on mostly brownfield land (only the northern part of the site remains undeveloped) meaning land of a high agricultural value is unlikely to be lost to another use. As such a potential minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is identified as being located on mostly brownfield land (only the northern part of the site remains undeveloped). Development of this brownfield site will mostly result in the reuse of previously developed land and may involve the reuse of existing buildings and materials already onsite; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is recorded as uncertain given that the exact details of the materials currently onsite are unknown.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.

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economic growth.		
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a healthcare centre which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 25m of an allotment to the east on Hose Lane and within 135m of another allotment to the south on East End. Access to a children's playground is located to the south east of the site within 270m on The Sands. A cricket pitch is located within 595m of the site to the west by Barkers Field. A number of footpaths are located towards the north west corner of the site. The site is located within 285m of the healthcare centre in Long Clawson which is on The Sands to the south west. However, the site boundaries also include a footpath and development at this location may result in the loss of this route and therefore an uncertain significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/ uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located at the intersection of Paget's Lane and Hose Lane towards the north eastern edge of Long Clawson which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely. Policy LONG5 requires that drainage infrastructure is available to accommodate the surface water from the site without causing or exacerbating flooding elsewhere.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

OLD3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future	+	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and is a reserve site for 30 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
residents of the Borough.		
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located 385m from Old Dalby Church of England Primary School which is to the east. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Old Dalby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. There is an existing employment site located within 380m to the south west of the site and the site has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	<p>The site falls outside of the areas assessed in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study. As such an uncertain effect is recorded for this SA objective. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. Policy OLD3 requires that the existing boundary trees and hedges are retained except as required to allow access which may help to mitigate any landscape-related impacts.</p>

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	There is an area identified as [REDACTED] an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 1220m west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in damage or disturbance. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to it abutting woodland. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall although this is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	-	The site is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is greenfield land and has been identified as Grade 3b agricultural quality. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment opportunities (SA objectives 1 and 4). As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of

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		the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	The site is located in close proximity of a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. Amenity green space features are located on Derdale Hill located 90m east of the site and a children's play area on Church Lane is located within 315m south east of the site. In addition Old Dalby Cricket Club is a sports facility located within 295m to the east of the site. The closest public right of way to the site is located to the west within 60m by Longcliff Hill. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance (600m) of the site or within the village of Old Dalby. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is in Old Dalby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
resources.		

SOM3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and is a reserve site for 33 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+?	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 260m of Somerby Primary School to the east. However, the Local Plan specifies that capacity improvements will be required at the school to accommodate new housing. Policy SOM3 addresses this issue, stating that development will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. Overall a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	+	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment	-	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, the site does provide nearby access to public transport nodes as the site has been identified as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.

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opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	This site is within LCZ1: Somerby West as identified in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷⁶ . This area is classed as being of medium overall sensitivity to development due to the fragmented nature of the expansive landscape and eroded gateway to the settlement. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified. This is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within 85m a bat roost that has been identified on High Street to the east. The site is also located within 275m of a Local Wildlife Site which has been designated to the west where mesotrophic grasslands are present. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature and designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	This site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having heritage asset/setting issues outside of the site which can be mitigated; therefore it is most likely to have a negligible effect although this is uncertain. Mitigation is built into policy SOM3, which requires that a heritage assessment is provided with impacts assessed and suitable mitigation measures identified. This should pay particular attention to the effect of the development proposal on the Conservation Area, the setting of adjacent listed buildings and potential archaeological interests.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--	The site is not located within or in close proximity to a Mineral Consultation Area. However, the site is located on greenfield land which has been identified as being of Grade 2 in terms of agricultural quality. Residential development at this location would therefore result in the loss of high quality agricultural land and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

¹⁷⁶ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	+	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 150m of an amenity greenspace and children's playground which are located by Burrough Road to the south east. An allotment is located to the east of the site within 130m by The Field. The site is located within 445m of the cemetery at All Saints Somerby Church which is to the south east. The nearest amenity greenspace is located within 470m of the site to the east on High Street. A footpath is located at the north eastern edge of the site and links to Burrough Road and High Street to the south east. The site is not located within walk distance (600m) of a healthcare centre but given that Somerby provides access to healthcare centre on Oakham Road it is considered that access from the site to this provision will be reasonable. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and	++	The site is located on Burrough Road towards the western boundary of Somerby which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.

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improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

WAL3

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively large and is a reserve site for 168 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 185m of Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School to the south west. The Local Plan states that there is capacity at the school to accommodate increased pupil numbers from the allocations at Waltham on the Wolds. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	+	The site is not located within close proximity of any existing employment sites or Melton Mowbray town centre. However, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located towards the southern edge of Waltham on the Wolds and has been identified as being within the LCZ 4: Waltham on the Wolds Southeast in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷⁷ commissioned by the Council. This area has medium sensitivity to residential development due to the simple landscape pattern, landscape scale and presence of 'edge' influences in the area. As such a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present. The site is not located within an Area of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is not located within close proximity of any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites; however the site is within 60m of an area which has been identified as breeding location for great crested newts to the north east. As such the close proximity of the site to this feature may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy WAL3 incorporates mitigation, requiring that biodiversity enhancements are identified and provided with proposals. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral	--	The site is located on land which is within the boundaries of a limestone Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor

¹⁷⁷ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.		negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been identified as mostly Grade 2 Agricultural Land (some of the site to the north east has been identified as being on Grade 3 agricultural quality land) and development at this location would result in this high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to access to both education (SA objective 2) and housing (SA objective 1) and a minor positive in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective particularly in relation to the good level of access the site provides to education opportunities and also the level of housing potentially supplied at this location but also considering the good level of access to employment opportunities this site provides.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health	0/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located

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inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.		within 55m of St Mary Magdalene Church on High Street which provides access to an allotment and a cemetery to the north west. Another allotment is located to the north of the site within 30m by High Street. An amenity greenspace can be accessed within 290m to the north west by Melton Road. A children's playground is located within 415m of the site to the north west on Goadby Road. Three footpaths run from the western and southern edges of the site respectively. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre and Waltham on the Wolds does not contain a healthcare centre. Two footpaths run within the boundaries of the site and given that development at this location may result in the loss of these uses an uncertain significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. As such a mixed effect (negligible/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within Waltham on the Wolds which has been identified as a Service Centre by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with ease of access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land. Policy WAL3 incorporates mitigation, requiring appropriate flood and drainage assessments proposing mitigation effective to deal with the scale of the impacts identified.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

FRIS4

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small and is a reserve site for 24 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong	+?	The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places

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<p>culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.</p>		<p>are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located 145m from Frisby Church of England Primary School which is to the south east. The Local Plan identifies capacity issues at the school and notes that development at Frisby will require the school to expand to accommodate growth. However, policy FRIS4 states that development of this site will be supported provided that local educational capacity is available or can be created through developer contributions. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
<p>3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.</p>	+	<p>The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
<p>4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.</p>	-	<p>The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site although it has 1 to 2 hourly public transport services and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective overall.</p>
<p>5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.</p>	--?	<p>The site is located in Frisby on the Wreake and the western half has been identified as being within the LCZ2: Frisby on the Wreake West in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. This area has medium to high sensitivity to residential development due small scale character and presence of important and relatively intact historic landscape elements such as ridge and furrow field systems. The eastern half of the site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the study. The site is not located within an Area of Separation. As such a significant negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.</p>

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6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	-?	The site is located within close proximity of a number of bat roosts within the settlement of Frisby on the Wreake. The closest of these features is located on Main Street within 55m of the site to the north east. The site is also located within 500m of Frisby Marsh SSSI which is to the west. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. The Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of moderate ecological value due to the presence of foraging swallows and possible nesting sites within the buildings, as well as the potential presence of bat roosts onsite. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negative effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0?	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having a potential adverse impact on the historic environment requiring mitigation. Mitigation is built into policy FRIS4 which requires that development facilitates the restoration of the adjacent listed building at 8 Rotherby Lane. A potential negligible effect is therefore identified although this is recorded as uncertain at this stage as it will depend on factors such as the design of the development which is not yet known.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	+?/-	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation Area. The siting of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is located on mostly brownfield land (the site currently contains a small number of farm buildings and residential properties). As such the redevelopment of this site may result in the re-use of buildings and materials currently onsite and as such is considered to be more efficient than the development a greenfield site dependent upon which part of the site is developed. Overall a mixed effect (uncertain minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++/-	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2) and a minor positive score in relation to housing (SA objective 1). However, a minor negative score was given in relation to access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4). Overall a mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities in particular as well as the level of housing that the site may provide but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of access to employment opportunities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be

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and the fear of crime.		influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on mainly brownfield land and therefore development at this location may result in the re-use of buildings and materials which are already onsite. As such an uncertain minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Club is a nearby sports facility located within 130m to the north east of the site. However, there are no other open space features (e.g. amenity and natural/semi natural greenspace features, parks and gardens, children's play areas) within a walking distance of 600m from the site. A footpath is located within 20m of the site to the south at Rotherby Lane. However, there is not a healthcare facility within walking distance and the village of Frisby on the Wreake does not have a GP practice. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective overall.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	+	The site is in Frisby on the Wreake which has been identified as a Rural hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

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resources.		

THOR2

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	+	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively small is a reserve site for 48 new dwellings; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	+	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of a school and the village of Thorpe Arnold also does not have school, with pupils being accommodated in Melton Mowbray. The Local Plan states that large-scale housing in Thorpe Arnold, along with proposed growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local primary schools. However, policy THOR2 addresses this issue, supporting development at the site provided that local educational capacity is available, or can be created through developer contributions, to meet the needs of the site. As such an overall minor positive effect is expected.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.	++	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Policy THOR2 requires that footways are provided to ensure a safe pedestrian access from the development into the village.
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment	+	The proximity of new residential development to employment sites will affect the ability of residents to easily access jobs. How well connected sites are to public transport links will also influence how easily people are able to access job opportunities further away from the site. The site is not located within walking distance (600m) of an existing employment site; however the site has frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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opportunities that meet the needs of the community.		
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	-?	The site is located in Thorpe Arnold and has been identified as being within LCZ4: Thorpe Arnold Northwest in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study commissioned by the Council. LCZ4 has a medium to high sensitivity to residential development due to the partly intact historic character and complex landscape pattern created by vegetation and undulating topography. The site is also just within an Area of Separation. Policy THOR2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that a comprehensive landscape scheme, providing substantial boundary landscaping and screening to mitigate impacts of the development when viewed from the open countryside, is provided. Overall a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that the design of any development proposed for the site is unknown at present.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	██████████ there is ████████ an area containing breeding ponds for Great Crested Newts located 540m west of the site. In addition Brentingby Lodge Farm Meadow (Local Wildlife Site) is located 689m east of the site and Melton Country Park is another Local Wildlife Site located 977m west of the site. As such the close proximity of the site to these features may result in impacts associated with habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy THOR2 incorporates mitigation, requiring that biodiversity enhancements are provided within the site to mitigate any loss of habitat as a result of loss of hedgerows/trees. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.
7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	--?	The site is located within a sand and gravel Mineral Consultation area. The development of housing at this location may impact upon the efficient use of minerals through restriction or even sterilisation; therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to the efficient use of resources. The site is also located on greenfield land which has been primarily identified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land but it is unknown if this land is of Grade 3a or Grade 3b quality. Development at this location could therefore result in high quality agricultural land being lost to another use. This could result in an overall significant negative effect, although this is uncertain depending on whether the land is primarily Grade 3a or 3b.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing at this site is likely to provide residents with fairly good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.

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facilities across the Borough.		
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	+/-	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given minor positive scores in relation to housing and access to employment (SA objectives 1 and 4). However a minor negative score was given in relation to education (SA objective 2). Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective given the level of housing that the site may provide and the access to employment opportunities but also considering the limitations of the site in terms of the distance to education facilities.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	-	The site is classed as greenfield land therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.
13. To provide the necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	0	Open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare facilities may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. An amenity greenspace feature is located 730m west from site on Hunts Drive and Doctors Lane Allotments are located 1098m from site. Melton Mowbray Golf Club and Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club is located 300m north east of the site and another sports facility is Thorpe Road Recreation Ground which has a football pitch located 900m south west from site. There is a footpath on the western site boundary and another from the eastern site boundary leading east to Woodfold Lane. However the village of Thorpe Arnold does not have a healthcare facility. As such an overall negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also	+	The site is in Thorpe Arnold which has been identified as a Rural Hub by Melton Borough Council. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with fairly good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may enable more people to travel by alternative forms of transport with the associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private car journeys.

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maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.		
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	-	This site is entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b but is on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect on flood risk is likely.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

MEL13

SA Objectives	SA Score	Justification
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the present and future residents of the Borough.	++	All of the residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing in line with Local Plan policies. This site is relatively large and is a reserve site for 240 new dwellings; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
2. To develop a strong culture of learning, enterprise and innovation, ensuring that people have access to education.	++	<p>The availability of school and college places to serve the growing population will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of new housing developments. Effects will also depend on how accessible existing schools and colleges are from residential sites and whether there is capacity there to meet additional demand.</p> <p>The site is located within 80m of Brownlow Primary School to the east on Limes Avenue. The Local Plan states that large-scale housing growth in Melton Mowbray would require financial contributions towards increasing the capacity of local schools. Policy MEL GENERAL addresses this issue for all of the Melton Mowbray site allocations; therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
3. To make efficient use of transport infrastructure, improve accessibility to employment and	++	The site has been identified through the Council's site assessment work as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such locating residential development at this site may help to reduce journeys undertaken by car by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

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services, and encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling and ensure that people can make sustainable transport choices.		
4. To diversify the local economy and encourage new business formation, promoting high quality employment opportunities that meet the needs of the community.	++	The site is located directly adjacent to an existing employment site. In addition, in the Council's site assessment work the site has been identified as having frequent (less than 1 hourly) public transport services nearby and is within 400m of a bus stop. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Although there are existing employment uses on the site, policy MEL13 requires that provision is made for the existing employment use to be relocated or trading has ceased, and also that a mix of housing and employment use appropriate to the location will be favoured.
5. To conserve and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.	?	This site is not located within the area that has been assessed for landscape sensitivity in the Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study ¹⁷⁸ and therefore its likely effect on this SA objective is uncertain. It is noted that the site is located on brownfield land which may mean that adverse effects are less likely in comparison to where development takes place on greenfield land, and the site is not located within an Area Of Separation.
6. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity in and around the Borough.	0?	The site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of bat roosts; these have been identified within 270m to the north east on Ferneley Crescent , within 280m to the east on Copley Close, and within 380m to the north east on Firwood Road. Melton Country Park is located within 380m of the site to the north and this has been identified as a candidate Local Wildlife Site. Also to the north of the site within 445m an area which is of importance for great crested newts' breeding has been identified. The site is located within 600m of a Local Wildlife Site which has been designated at Mars Petcare, River Eye. As such the relative proximity of the site to the identified features and this designation may result in habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. However, policy MEL13 requires that a 'Green Corridor' linking to the Country Park to the north of the site is incorporated into the design of the redevelopment. In addition, the Biodiversity Study that has been undertaken on behalf of Melton Borough Council concluded that this site is of low ecological value and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. The negligible effect is recorded as uncertain until detailed proposals for the site are known.

¹⁷⁸ Influence (September 2015) Melton Borough Areas of Separation, Settlement Fringe Sensitivity and Local Green Space Study: Final Report.

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7. To conserve and enhance Melton's historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The site has been assessed by Melton Borough Council as having no heritage assets/setting issues; therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. To use land and mineral resources prudently and efficiently, also maintaining and enhancing soil quality.	++	The site is not located within or in close proximity of a Mineral Consultation Area (the closest of these designations is located to the east within 255m). The site is located on brownfield land and as such allowing for residential development at this location would not result in a loss of high quality agricultural land. Overall a significant positive effect is therefore likely.
9. To promote social inclusion and cohesion and support the development of and access to community facilities across the Borough.	++	The site is located within Melton Mowbray which is the main settlement in the Borough. As such locating housing here is likely to provide residents with good access to services, public transport and employment opportunities and therefore a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
10. To reduce poverty, social deprivation and secure economic inclusion.	++	The effects of residential sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to education facilities and job opportunities. The site was given a significant positive score in relation to education (SA objective 2), access to employment opportunities (SA objective 4) and housing SA (objective 1). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective given the close proximity of the site to education facilities and employment opportunities as well as the high level of housing that the site may provide.
11. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime.	0	The effects of new housing developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within housing developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of housing sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). The location of residential developments will also not have a direct effect on the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, with this issue again being determined more by the design and layout of development sites. Therefore, the effects of all of the residential sites on this SA objective are negligible.
12. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of waste materials.	+?	The site is located on brownfield land and therefore development at this location would involve the re-use of previously developed land. Development at this location may also result in the re-use of materials and buildings which are already at this location. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is uncertain given that it is unknown what materials are currently onsite.
13. To provide the	0	The location of housing sites will not influence the number, location or type of employment opportunities available in

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necessary physical conditions and infrastructure to enable economic growth.		Borough. While the proximity of housing sites to employment sites, town centres (where employment opportunities are often focussed) and public transport nodes can affect people's ability to access jobs, particularly for those without use of a car, these issues are assessed separately under SA objectives 3 and 4 above. Therefore, all of the residential sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
14. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and prolong life.	++/--?	The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and healthcare centres which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. The site is located within 75m of a children's playground which is to the north. Melton Country Park football pitches are also to the north of the site within 140m. The nearest allotments are Doctors Lane Allotments in Melton Country Park and these are located 335m to the north of the site. A large cemetery is located to the east of site by Thorpe Road within 320m. The nearest amenity greenspace to the site is provided to the south west by Chapel Street. A footpath and the Jubilee Way route are accessible along the northern edge of the site providing access through Melton Country Park to the north. The site however contains a footpath within its boundaries to the south and as such an uncertain significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective given that development of this site may result in a loss of this feature. The site is located within 180m of Latham House Medical Practice which is to the south west on Sage Cross Street. The site is also located within 190m of Melton Mowbray hospital to the south east which is on Thorpe Road. As such an overall mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain significant negative) is expected on this SA objective. Policy MEL13 incorporates mitigation for noise impacts which could otherwise affect health, requiring that noise impacts resulting from the adjacent land uses are assessed and where impacts identified appropriate mitigation is provided.
15. To improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, also maintaining and improving air quality in the Borough.	++	The site is located within close proximity of Melton Mowbray town centre which is the Main Urban Area in the Borough. As such locating housing on this site is likely to provide new residents with very good access to existing services, facilities and employment opportunities as well as public transport nodes within the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective given that new residential development at this location may encourage travel by alternative forms of transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through private car journeys.
16. To adapt to climate change by reducing the extent of flood risk within the Borough and elsewhere.	0	This site is almost entirely outside of Flood Zones 3a and 3b and is on brownfield land; therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is likely. Policy MEL13 requires that flood mitigation is provided.
17. To maintain and improve water quality and encourage the efficient use of water resources.	0	This site is not within a Source Protection Zone; therefore a negligible effect is identified.

