



**Policy, Finance and
Development
Committee**

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Matter for Decision

Title: Melton Local Plan – Emerging Options (Draft Plan)

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1. Introduction

Melton Borough Council has prepared a draft Local Plan covering the 2011 to 2036. This report sets out the proposed comments of Oadby and Wigston Borough Council on the draft Local Plan.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Members note the comments set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.6 of this report as Oadby and Wigston Borough Council's formal response to Melton Borough Council's consultation on its Local Plan.

3. Information

- 3.1** The Borough of Melton is located within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area and as such Melton Borough Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council have a duty to co-operate over the preparation of each other's Local Plan under the 'Duty to Co-operate'.
- 3.2** The Melton Local Plan Development Strategy makes provision for the development of at least 6,125 homes between 2011 and 2036. This is consistent with the Objectively Assessed Need for the Borough of Melton of 245 dwellings per annum as identified in the 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment. It is also consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding that has been signed by all Council's in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area on this matter.
- 3.3** The Development Strategy also makes provision for 51 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2036. It distributes housing and employment growth across the Borough with the Melton Mowbray Main Urban Area identified as the priority location for growth. This is supplemented by more limited amounts of growth in the more rural parts of the Borough.
- 3.4** ***Policy SS2 Development Strategy is consistent with the evidence base relating to the wider Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area and as such, is supported by Oadby and Wigston Borough Council.***
- 3.5** The Local Plan includes a policy that demonstrates Melton Borough Council's commitment to meeting its requirements for housing, employment and other development and infrastructure. It states that where monitoring identifies significant and persistent shortfalls in the delivery of housing and employment, poor spatial distribution or there are changes to the objectively assessed need for development, the Council will consider an early review of the Local Plan to identify alternative

development sites.

- 3.6** Whilst monitoring is one factor that might identify such issues, changes to the wider Housing Market Area evidence base, the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategy Growth Plan and/or the ability of other planning authorities in the Housing Market Area to meet their own Objectively Assessed Need could also lead to a position whereby Melton Borough Council would need to consider an early review of its Local Plan. **Therefore, Oadby and Wigston Borough Council would wish to see these factors identified in *Policy SS6 – Alternative Development Strategies and Local Plan Review*, in addition to monitoring.**

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Implications	
Financial (CR)	No significant implications.
Legal (AC)	No significant implications.
Risk (AT)	CR3 Political Dynamics - The Duty to Co-operate requires all Council's in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area to co-operate over strategic planning matters. The Strategic Planning Group and Member Advisory Group are in place to facilitate this process.
Equalities (AC)	No significant implications.