

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

Please view the authorities response to your question below.

***What discussions have taken place between the Borough Council and the Parish Council on the differences between the approaches to establish the strategic housing requirements for the Plan area? \* When did those discussion take place in relation to the pre-submission and submission phases of the neighbourhood plan?\****

The Borough Council met the Neighbourhood Plan Group semi-regularly throughout the process. At regulation 14, the NDP met the emerging Local Plan requirement of 282 new dwellings (as prescribed in the MLP Presubmission Version Spatial Hierarchy) (below) and the Borough Councils response to this consultation reflected this. Encouragingly at this stage, the group also recognised that this number may change as the Local Plan progresses. After regulation 14, representatives of the group met with the Borough Council to discuss the emerging Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plan and Planning Applications in the settlements within the Parish. At this point, there were discussions with the group about HEDNA which had been published earlier in the year and superseded the 2014 SHMA and how this may effect housing requirement. The group pointed out that HEDNA delivered a OAN lower then the previous SHMA and queried if this would reflect in any revised housing requirement established through the Local Plan. The group were informed that OAN is the basis of establishing housing requirement, not a housing requirement in itself and the quoted 170 OAN was just one figure identified within HEDNA. Other figures could take the Housing Requirement as high as to 280, for example at table 40 of the same document. The NP Group were advised that the Council had not moved its position from that set out in the pre Submission Local Plan (245 dpa) but will be considering all of the evidence and representations before deciding on a housing requirement, and that this would take place at a later date (eventually it became 4<sup>th</sup> July) Evidence commissioned by the Borough Council already had recommended 245 as the housing requirement and was available alongside the HEDNA. It was suggested by the Group at this meeting that they may opt to use lower numbers and a discussion followed regarding the risk to Plan if this became 'out of kilter' with the final decision on the Local plan requirement and subsequent allocation to each of Harby, Hose and Long Clawson

Melton Borough Council agreed, considering all evidence and options, to use 245 as the Borough's Housing requirement on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, around two weeks prior to the Submission Version of Neighbourhood Plan being agreed by the Parish Council

***POLICY H1: HOUSING PROVISION [Reg 14 policy] - Having regard to dwellings already constructed and granted planning permission, the new housing provision for the Parish will be a target of a minimum of 282 new dwellings (or revised in future emerging Melton Local Plan submissions) across the three villages over the period 2016 to 2036, which will be met by the allocation of housing sites in Policy H2.***