

**Representation Number: 124/01/MM26**

**PART A – Personal Details**

*If you are responding on behalf of yourself, or your own organisation, please fill in all the 'Personal Details' fields. If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes in the Personal Details column, but complete all the 'Agent's Details' fields.*

	<b>Personal Details</b>	<b>Agent's Details (if applicable)</b>
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Did you comment at publication stage of the Local Plan?	No
If yes, what was your representor ID number? (You can find your Representor ID on our <a href="#">Examination webpages</a> )	

<b>Do you wish to be notified of subsequent stages of the Local Plan?</b>	
Publication of Inspector's Report	Yes
Adoption of the Local Plan	Yes

## PART B – Your Representation

Please use a separate sheet for each representation

1. To which part of the consultation does this representation relate?

Main Modification

**Please note – comments should be restricted to the matters listed only and should not relate to any other aspect, site or policy of the Publication Local Plan**

If you have chosen 'Sustainability Appraisal Reports,' 'HEDNA' or 'Other new documents and evidence' please identify the specific document:

2. Main or Additional Modification number to which your representation relates (or paragraph number if you are commenting on another document).

MM26 Policy  
H3c - Land off  
Ashby  
Road/Leicester  
Road, Measham

3. Please provide comments below, being as precise as possible. Comments can support, as well as object to the MM concerned with reference to the new documentary evidence listed on our website – [www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanmysay).

As the HS2 route will now pass through the area identified in MM23 (land west of Measham High Street, H2a), the area identified as H3c in MM26 effectively becomes the prime site for future housing development in Measham - wording in this section will need changing to reflect the HS2 decision.

I note with interest that the proposed number of dwellings for H3c is now about 300, down from about 420. No explanation is given for the reduction, and I am aware that pre-planning advice was being sought by a developer for 300 dwellings in November 2016. I would be interested to know why the proposed number has been reduced.

I have previously commented to NWLDC about proposals to develop this land for housing. As my property backs onto this area, and any development would block the current view across open countryside, I naturally have an interest. What also concerns me is the suitability of this land for building - it is an area which has been subject to deep coal mining, and there is evidence of medieval 'pillar and stall' shallow mining (down to about 30 metres depth), with several mineshafts in the H3c area. To illustrate this, over the last few years the Environment Agency has produced LiDAR maps of England (to 2 metres resolution), which are available online (viewable at :-<https://houseprices.io/lab/lidar/map>). Grid Reference SK3428412218 shows the H3c area, from which the positions of the mineshafts can be determined. The image also clearly shows the parallel lines which are a feature of medieval 'ridge and furrow' ploughing. (LiDAR maps to a much finer detail have also been produced for HS2 in support of the work done in 2016 to define the alternative route which would have passed Measham on the southern side. Although not publicly available, these will show features of the H3c area down to a resolution of 0.2 metres.)

Whilst the Coal Authority may be able to provide accurate information regarding the nature and location of well-documented deep mining, the undocumented shallow mining may be a cause for concern. I have lived at my current address for over 20 years, and I believe the contours of the land in the field behind my house have changed over that time, and are still changing. Due to the amount of subsidence which has occurred in Measham over the years, and the fact that subsidence of the road surface on Leicester Road still occurs at the edge of the village, a large development on the H3c area may have potential subsidence risks. I have heard the view expressed locally that to remove the risk of future ground movement, the area would need to be excavated to around 30 metres, the remaining coal deposits removed and the area carefully backfilled.

4. Please set out suggested revised wording if you consider further changes are necessary to make the Plan sound.

If the H3c site is to become the prime site for housing development in Measham, wording should reflect that NWLDC will only support development once the risk of ground movement has been determined to be acceptably low, based on detailed survey evidence, not simply on a paper-based survey.

### **Declaration**

I understand that all comments submitted will be considered in line with this consultation, and that my comments will be made publically available and may be identifiable to my name / organisation.

I acknowledge that I have read and accept the information and terms specified under the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Statement.

Signed: 

Date: 23/7/2017