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# LOCAL PLAN

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## Publication Stage Representation Form

### North West Leicestershire Local Plan Proposed Submission

Please return this form to North West Leicestershire District Council either by post:

Planning Policy, North West Leicestershire District Council, Council Offices, Whitwick Road, Coalville LE67 3FJ or email [planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk) no later than **5pm on 15 August 2016**.

This form has two parts-

**Part A** – Personal Details

**Part B** – Your Representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

#### Part A

##### 1. Personal Details

##### 2. Agent Details

*\*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details for the agent in 2.*

Title	Mr	Mr
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Last Name	Wagstaff	Moulton
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Email Address <i>(Where relevant)</i>		

## **Part B - Please use a separate sheet for each representation**

### **Name or Organisation:**

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph(s)  Policy  Policies Map

4. Do you Consider the Local Plan is:  
*(Please tick as appropriate)*

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|--|-----|-------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| i) Legally Compliant                         | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) Sound                                    | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) Complies with the<br>Duty to co-operate | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

We act on behalf of Mr T Wagstaff, the owner of Langley Priory. We write to express our support for Policy S3 of the North West Leicestershire District Council Publication version of the Local Plan. We consider Policy S3 to be sound and consistent with National Planning Policy at the current time.

In particular we would like to highlight our support for point 2 of Policy S3 and specifically support development for the following uses in areas designated as Countryside on the Policies Map:

- The re-use and adaptation of buildings for appropriate purposes including housing in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy (Policy S3);
- The preservation of Listed Buildings;
- Expansion of all types of business and enterprise in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings;

- Community services and facilities meeting a proven local need;
- Small-scale employment generating development or farm diversification;
- Recreation and tourism; and
- Renewable energy;

As highlighted in the Framework the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. Pursuing sustainable development involves seeking positive improvements in the quality of the built, natural and historic environment, as well as in people's quality of life, including assisting the creation of jobs in villages.

The Framework requires local plans and decisions made by the local planning authority to take into account local circumstances, to ensure that they respond to the different opportunities for achieving sustainable development.

The core planning principles of the Framework define the overarching roles that the planning system should play. We consider the following principles to be of particular note to Policy S3.

- Not simply be about scrutiny, but instead be a creative exercise in finding ways to enhance and improve the places in which people live their lives; (second principle); and
- Take account of the different roles and character of different areas (fifth principle).

The Framework includes a section which specifically provides guidance to support a prosperous rural economy. In this regard the Framework highlights that planning policies should take a positive approach to sustainable new development in order to support economic growth in rural areas to create jobs and prosperity.

To promote a strong rural economy the Framework requires local plans to support the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise in rural areas, both through well designed new buildings and the conversion of existing buildings.

Local plans should promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses to contribute to a prosperous rural economy. Policies within local plans must support sustainable leisure developments and rural tourism that benefit businesses in rural areas, communities and visitors, and which respect the character of the countryside. This should include supporting the provision and expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in appropriate locations where identified needs are not met by existing facilities.

The Framework also promotes the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages.

In conclusion we support Policy S3 which recognises the need for rural development which can be brought forward whilst simultaneously protecting the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. We acknowledge that the protection of historical heritage is of major importance on both a local and national scale. In this regard Langley Priory is an important asset to the region and the diversification is imperative to the viability of the conservation work on Langley Priory's Grade II\* Listed buildings.

(Continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 5 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

n/a

(Continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

**Please note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

**After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.**

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

n/a

**No**, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination.

**Yes**, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

n/a

*Please note the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.*

9. Signature:



Date:

12.08.2016

