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Publication Stage Representation Form

North West Leicestershire Local Plan Proposed Submission

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Planning Policy, North West Leicestershire District Council, Council Offices, Whitwick Road, Coalville LE67 3FJ or email 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	<input type="text"/>	Mr	<input type="text"/>
First Name	Simon		<input type="text"/>
Last Name	Weaver		<input type="text"/>
Job Title <i>(Where relevant)</i>	Clerk to the Parish Council		<input type="text"/>
Organisation <i>(Where relevant)</i>	Hugglescote & Donington Le Heath	Parish Council	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1		Thringstone	<input type="text"/>
Line 2		<input type="text"/>	
Line 3		<input type="text"/>	
Line 4		<input type="text"/>	
Post Code		<input type="text"/>	
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Email Address <i>(Where relevant)</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

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)

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

See attached sheets

(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.

(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?

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:

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:

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Chapter 1 Background

Policy

Legally Compliant No

Sound No

Complies with duty to co-operate

Paragraph 1.8

This Plan does not follow National Planning Policy Framework guidelines

The NPPF advice is for a Local Plan to be compliant then Brownfield sites should be given priority over applications to develop on Greenfield sites.

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The DC state that priority is given to Brownfield development but this is not happening and can be evidenced as over 97% of developments are being approved on Greenfield land

There are many Brownfield sites that have not been designated for development. Whilst it is recognised that developers can submit applications for Greenfield sites why are these approved in favour over Brownfield site development. Land previously built on should have preference over new.

This Council approach is having an impact in the Parish area as there are many developments big and small being considered and approved on rural Greenfield locations.

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Chapter 4 What are the Issues

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Legally Compliant

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Accessibility page 19

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Local Plan responses

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Chapter 5 Strategy

Policy S2 Settlement Hierarchy

Legally Compliant

Sound

No

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Housing Needs 5.5

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This Parish is deemed to be part of the Coalville Urban area. If Swannington and Ellistown are deemed sustainable villages then members feel this should also apply to Hugglescote and Donington Le Heath (H&DLH).

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Chapter 7 Housing

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Chapter 9 Infrastructure

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Chapter 10 Section Environment

Policy

Legally Compliant No

Sound No

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All new properties should be fitted with solar panels where possible. This is becoming increasingly evident in design proposals submitted to the Parish Council.

Land and Air Quality 10.50

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Chapter 11 Historic Environment

Policy

Legally Compliant

Sound No

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Historic Environment North West Leicestershire 11.4

The Manor House at Donington Le Heath is the second most visited historical site in the County (behind Bosworth Field) and is not referenced in this document neither is the National Forest cycle centre at Hicks Lodge which is even a more popular and larger tourist attraction.

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Chapter 12 Climate Change

Policy

Legally Compliant

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No

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Flooding Paragraph 12.17

Summary of issues does not include the largest and most important issue Infrastructure. There is already pressure on small brooks and water causeways.

Local residents of properties which back on to the river contact the Parish Council regarding flooded gardens so any new development residential or industrial will exacerbate this problem, potentially creating 100 year floods on a more regular basis.

Severn Trent has already raised concerns over the capacity of the River Sence and sewerage systems at Kelham Bridge.