

SDDC Local Plan Consultation

Here's a summary of our comments on the Local Plan consultation:

It's been tough responding to this document. There are too many questions, several badly written ones and quite a few are repetitive. The consultations could have been more informative and more accessible using modern technology.

We believe there is a need to:

Protect the Conservation Areas

Maintain the gap between Melbourne and King's Newton

Restrict new development to the Settlement Area

Oppose the extension of the Settlement Area

Protect the natural environment, open spaces and grade 3+ agricultural land

Support the building of more 1 or 2 bed homes for single, young and retired people and more rental property (e.g. more council housing).

Strongly support the inclusion of energy saving devices and building materials in new builds (housing, industrial units and public buildings)

Object to a new bridge crossing of the Trent between Swarkestone and Melbourne which would swamp the parish with new housing development and traffic

Work with East Midlands Airport to reduce noise, especially at night

Support the Melbourne Neighbourhood Plan.

Oppose any Freeport development that "leaks" into the parish of Melbourne. We are sceptical about the proposed Freeport; the figures relating to economic growth and employment are fanciful.

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