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Comments on Melton Neighbourhood Plan dated December 2016

Figure 2.1 (page 8)

- The Smithfield trading estate has been omitted; I suggest it is classified as “Mixture of retail and employment”.
- Valley Farm Road is a public road, not a footpath.
- The footpath shown running along the railway track should be shown along the river wall (as far as Melton Riverside car park).
- Love Lane (between Pytches Road and Turnpike Lane) is used much more than the footpath shown to the north of Woods Lane.
- It should be made clear that most of the area shown as “greenspace that people use for walks and recreation” does not have public access.

Sections 5.29 and 5.30 (page 23)

I commented earlier that some parking in the vicinity of McColls needs to be restricted to say 20 minutes duration. The existing public car park does not prevent on-street parking problems because many, if not all, spaces are occupied long-term as parking there is unrestricted. In response to my comment, the associated ‘Public Consultation’ document states “Parking restrictions are not a planning matter”. If the existing parking problems could be alleviated simply by provision of some restricted parking, then that is relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan. Furthermore, provision of additional parking may not solve the issue unless parking there is restricted in duration. Anyway, Section 11.2 (page 50) refers to parking restrictions so I do not see why parking restrictions can be proposed for Melton Road but not proposed for the vicinity of McColls. You can’t have it both ways. Surely restriction of parking is more relevant to a neighbourhood plan than King Rædwald.

Shopping

I do not use any of the shops in Melton or Woodbridge because there is no reasonably-priced supermarket. I am forced to travel by car regularly to Martlesham Heath. I know many other residents of Melton and nearby villages also do most of their shopping at Martlesham Heath.

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