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The PLAN Selby consultation, no doubt designed and printed at great expense is an expensive whitewash. A clever way with soothing words to disguise that fact that Selby Council want to build yet more houses in and around our town. How wonderful it's all going to be when we begin to live in an "outstanding environment, have a diverse economy and attractive and vibrant towns and villages". Not to mention yet more housing; at least 7200 new homes by 2027. We do not need any more new housing in Selby. There is the huge Staynor development and in the future the BOCM old site is going to be covered with houses and shops.

When I married and moved from Huddersfield to Selby in 1966 I loved the rural quality of this market town, little villages and quiet roads. Selby HAD a diverse economy in those days e.g Cochranes shipbuilding, BOCM, Yorkshire Chemical to name a few, as well as it being mainly a farming community. Gowthorpe and Finkle Street had a wonderful variety of shops, the town was practically litter-free and I could park my car freely and in most places.

Fast forward nearly fifty years and it's all vanished. Selby has changed greatly, there are no quiet roads any more. The diverse economy has disappeared and Gowthorpe and Finkle Streets are now home to charity shops, banks and restaurants. Why on earth will building thousands of new homes improve our litter- strewn streets and make living here more enjoyable?

I remember the consultations in the 1970's that we had with British Coal before the Selby Coalfield was built. The same whitewash about how much better our lives would be with Europe's largest coalfield on our doorstep! This PLAN Selby is just another expensive public relations endeavour to make the people who live here think that things are going to improve and their comments are going to make a huge difference to the outcome. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Selby is losing its identity far too quickly anyway. Over the years it has changed from a market town to a small town and if this project goes ahead - as it surely will whatever the residents think - a large town. When this happens, I hope that the roads, public transport and parking facilities also expand and improve at the same rate, otherwise I foresee the future looks very bleak indeed for Selby and it's residents.