

Selby District

Submission Draft Core Strategy

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Map No.	<input type="text"/>	Figure No.	<input type="text"/>	Other	<input type="text"/>

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This paragraph states - "Planning permissions have been granted for a number of renewable energy schemes including wind turbines and energy from waste, some of which are already operational. For example Rusholme Windfarm has capacity to generate 24 MW of electricity and the Selby Renewable Energy Park could produce up to 6 MW when fully functioning".

It would be helpful if the consented but non-operational schemes were cited, together with their anticipated or actual generation capacity. We feel that the local context is incomplete without this information.

Where actual figures are available as they should be for Rusholme the amount of power generated should be compared with the amount stated when the project was approved.

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This will complete the local context.

The progress measure for CP14 should be actual power produced and not the installed rated capacity.

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In this paragraph it is stated that "In the light of known planned schemes, and the existence of local coal mines and traditional coal fired power stations, Selby District is particularly well placed to exploit opportunities for carbon capture, clean coal technology and coal bed methane as well as potential for appropriate biomass, energy from waste and combined heat and power".

Earlier in this section (7.13), it is stated that "Development and deployment of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) has the potential to reduce the CO2 emissions from power stations by around 90%, and make a significant contribution towards the UK and international climate change goals".

The amount of CO2 produced from power stations in the District is known; therefore the potential reduction should be expressed in tonnes. We feel that the local context is incomplete without this information.

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Suggested wording for para 7.43

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There is an implication in this paragraph that support for all forms of energy infrastructure will “assist in reinvigorating, expanding, and modernising the District’s economy”. Whilst this is the case for Drax and Eggborough, together with the Selby Renewable Energy Park, it is certainly not the case for wind turbines. In fact, it is our view that the effect of wind turbine construction on the District’s economy will be negative due to landscape impact and property value reductions. This latter point is evidenced by local property transactions being cancelled once it was discovered that windfarm developments were proposed in the locale.

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We feel this paragraph should be clarified to focus on those forms of energy infrastructure that have the demonstrated potential to "assist in reinvigorating, expanding, and modernising the District's economy".

Our suggested rewording is -

"The energy sector will continue to be important to the economy of the District. Drax and Eggborough Power Stations are both major employers which contribute to national energy infrastructure as well as the local economy. They also have the potential for future development of renewable and low carbon energy, and Drax is pioneering co-firing technologies and energy generation from biomass. Both locations have the advantage of a direct connection to the National Grid. It is recognised that there is a need for further investment in energy infrastructure to develop the sector's role as a prominent contributor to the District's economic prosperity".

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Signed

Dated

21st February 2011

Selby District

Submission Draft Core Strategy

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Representation Form

Part A

In completing this representation form, you are providing a formal consultation response under Regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2008 with regard to the Selby District Submission Draft Core Strategy DPD on grounds of soundness only.

Please complete separate copies of Part B (pages 3 and 4) of this form for each section, policy, table, map or diagram about which you wish to comment.

If you believe that a section, policy, paragraph, table, map or diagram is unsound with regard to more than one test of soundness please provide a separate representation for each test.

The Tests of Soundness

Soundness is explained in PPS12 (Planning Policy Statement 12) in paragraphs 4.36 - 4.47, 4.51 and 4.52 and the boxed text. Specifically paragraph 4.52 states that to be sound a Core Strategy should be:

1 Justified

PPS12 provides that to be 'justified' a DPD (in this case the 'Core Strategy') needs to be :

- founded on a robust and credible evidence base involving:
 - evidence of participation of the local community and others having a stake in the area
 - research/fact finding - the choices made in the plan are backed up by facts
- the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives

2 Effective

PPS12 states that Core Strategies should be effective. This means:

- Deliverable - embracing:
 - Sound infrastructure delivery planning
 - Having no regulatory or national planning barriers to delivery
 - Delivery partners who are signed up to it
 - Coherence with the strategies of neighbouring authorities
- Flexible
- Able to be monitored

3 National Policy

The DPD (in this case the 'Core Strategy') should be consistent with national policy. Where there is a departure, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) must provide clear and convincing reasoning to justify their approach.

Completed representation forms must be returned to the Council no later than 5pm on Monday 21st February 2011.

Email to: ldf@selby.gov.uk (Please save a copy to your computer prior to e-mailing your response)

Post to: LDF Team, Development Policy, Selby District Council, Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby YO8 4SB

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It will be helpful if you can provide an email address so we can contact you electronically.

Part B (please use a separate sheet (pages 3 and 4) for each representation)

Please identify the part of the Core Strategy to which this representation refers:

Section No.	<input type="text" value="6"/>	Policy No.	<input type="text"/>	Paragraph No.	<input type="text" value="27"/>
Map No.	<input type="text"/>	Figure No.	<input type="text"/>	Other	<input type="text"/>

Question 1: Do you consider the DPD is:

1.1 Legally compliant Yes No

1.2 Sound Yes No

If you have entered No to 1.2, please continue to Q2. In all other circumstances, please go to Q3.

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"While electricity generation from wind turbines is unpopular in view of the open nature of the landscape and impact on existing communities, there are opportunities for a wide range of appropriately designed and sited renewable energy technologies. A recent BIS Market Intelligence report 9 highlighted that the shift to a low carbon economy will bring huge business opportunities. Local businesses are increasingly becoming associated with the low carbon sector including renewable energy production as well as training and skills. Given the high employment dependency on manufacturing and energy sector jobs, Selby District potentially has an appropriately skilled workforce in these sectors. There is therefore an opportunity to promote further growth of those parts of the low carbon sector that can exploit those skills and build on the success of recent developments".

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