



**Selby District Council Local Plan Consultation
"PLAN Selby" (The Sites and Policies Local Plan)
Initial Consultation Comments Form**

"PLAN Selby" is the Sites and Policies Local Plan which the Council is developing to deliver the strategic vision outlined in the Core Strategy that was adopted in 2013. When adopted, PLAN Selby will form part of the Local Plan for the District against which planning applications will be assessed.

This consultation is the first stage in our on-going dialogue with you and we hope that you will take time to respond to it and help us move forward. The responses to this consultation will help inform our work and shape the District for the future.

Comments are therefore invited as part of this Initial Consultation.

Please use this form to make your comments.

Please read the main document PLAN Selby and associated papers, which are available on the Council's website at www.selby.gov.uk/PLANSelby and at local libraries and Public Council offices.

You will need to see what is in PLAN Selby in order to make your comments. It contains a wide range of issues and specific questions on which we would like your views. Please make sure you are clear about which part of PLAN Selby you are commenting on and ensure we have your full contact details so we can take your comments into account and so that we can contact you about the next stages.

**Completed comments forms must be received by the Council
no later than 5pm on Monday 19th January 2015**

Contact Details - Please provide contact details and agent details, if appointed

Personal Details

Name: Mrs F M A Farman

Address: Heck Parish Council.

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

Comment(s)

Please ensure you provide reference to the Question and Topic area for each comment you wish to make.

Topic / Chapter: Green belt and village development limits. Chapter 3

Question no.: 26b and c

Paragraph: 3.112.

Comment: Heck Parish consists of two secondary villages, Great and Little Heck, and would not, therefore, expect to be involved in the Green Belt review. Heck Parish Council is of the opinion that the village development limits should remain unchanged. There are sufficient 'infill' sites to meet local requirements over the plan period and, as villages with very limited facilities, the infrastructure is insufficient to cope with any expansion. The parish council feels that the suggested development is focussed more on providing homes for commuters rather than for local residents. This leads to an inevitable increase in car usage with the ensuing increase in carbon emissions and adverse effect on people's health. Plan Selby should not include additional targets for housing development that differ from National Guidelines and, therefore, should remove the 10% guideline.

Topic / Chapter: Setting land aside or protecting it for future infrastructure needs. Chapter 3

Question no.: 21

Paragraph: 3.97

Comment: Residents of Great Heck already suffer badly from the impact of HGVs accessing and leaving the Pollington airfield industrial sites along Long Lane. Before any future development is considered the District Council should look carefully at the impact of such vehicles, operating 7 days a week, on residents' quality of life and on what are basically country lanes. Land should be found and set aside to alleviate the problems caused by further industrial developments around small villages.

Topic / Chapter: Traveller sites. Chapter 3

Question no.: 13 and 14

Paragraph: 3.54

Comment: Heck Parish Council is of the opinion that the identification of five possible sites is too rigid and is likely to be seen as unfair because there are other sites in the district which also meet SDC's criteria. The words 'seek to exhaust alternatives inside the broad location for growth' should be deleted. The comparison with flood zones is spurious and should be revisited. All identification of suitable sites should be carried out in consultation with the gypsy/traveller community with their wishes, as well as those of house dwellers, taken into account.

Topic / Chapter: Climate change and renewable energy. Chapter 3

Question no.: 26a; d; e; f; g and h

Paragraph:

Comment:

26a: Heck Parish Council sees no benefits from the proposal to take minimum targets from the defunct RSS allocations and notes that the AECOM report relates mainly to wind turbines without taking into account other forms of renewable energy. This might seem surprising but, considering that the study was prepared by the windfarm industry with the clear intention of exploiting Government subsidies, there should be no surprise. The original targets were based on generating capacity rather than delivery and so, therefore, are of no real value.

26d: There are no areas suitable for windfarms in the flat Selby District landscape. Identifying and designating sites according to a set of criteria would make refusals difficult and exclude the voice of

local communities. Plan Selby should not give any preferred site designation but should, instead, rely on NPPF guidelines.

26e: The height of any turbine should determine separation. For example, a distance of 10x the height would appear to be reasonable for a single turbine with this distance being increased where there are two or more turbines.

26f: Rapidly changing technology may well result in detailed policies becoming irrelevant and out of date very quickly. Policies on the cumulative impact of light and air pollution, including pollution from incinerators, should be considered along with NHS policies on improving health and life expectancy.

26g & h: Plan Selby should avoid producing a raft of detailed policies. It should place more reliance on National Guidelines and focus on implementing the plan's vision rather than aiding development for development's sake.

Additional Comments - Please provide any additional comments you may wish to make.

Comment Submission Statement

All comments must be made in an email or in writing if they are to be considered. Your comments and some personal identifying details will be published in a public register and cannot be treated confidentially. Where practical, personal identifiers may be redacted, however Selby District Council cannot guarantee that all identifiers will be removed prior to publication of consultation records.

Name - or signature: (F M A Farman)

Date: 16.01.2015

Please ensure you save a copy of your completed comments form to your computer before sending by email

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Email: ldf@selby.gov.uk

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