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I was a member of Escrick Parish Council for 30 years and its Chairman for 18 of those years. I was the County Councillor for Escrick for 28 years retiring in 2005. I attended one of the hearings of the EIP in April 2012. I was interested to hear the Inspector say in referring to a paper from Roy Wilson that it had been useful in giving background information on Tadcaster. He commented that he had no knowledge of the Selby area before taking on this Selby Local Plan. As a Parish and County Councillor I have a great deal of experience of development in this area. In considering the proposed change of designation of Escrick I would wish the following to be taken into account:-

1 The residents of the village are more closely tied to York than to Selby. I don't think we wish to be part of York but children after the age of 11 attend a York school which is an important driver.

2. It is the York Green belt which surrounds the village and which has restricted development to infilling over the past 50 years. The City of York southern boundary is the north wall of the Church which means that the garage and several houses whilst being part of Escrick are actually in York. This means that this village is inextricably linked to the York green belt which is the subject of a separate Study. I think Escrick should continue to be seen as an important part of the York Green Belt protecting the setting of this historical City. Certainly the designation of Escrick should not be changed until issues with York have been resolved.

3. There are major planning matters which have affected us for the last 35 years. The Selby Coalfield announced in 1974 even today is casting a shadow over the area. Important planning conditions were changed, amended or broken both during construction, mining and even today when all the sites should have been cleared. The North Selby site is currently the subject of a proposal to build an anaerobic digester.

Ironically the Mine site is actually in York and has been since 1994, a planning authority with no expertise in dealing with mineral extraction issues.

It is premature to change the designation of Escrick. I believe that the two authorities, Selby and York have a duty to cooperate on the issues surrounding Escrick coming up with a solution that enables the village to retain its position as a thriving rural community.

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