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"PLAN Selby"
(The Sites and Policies Local Plan)

Initial Consultation Comments Form

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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	Agent Details (if applicable)
Name	Terry F Rowley	
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Telephone no.		
Email address		

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

Question no. Paragraph

Why is it necessary for Selby to plan further, when it refers to AECOM which was produced in 2011? That plan did not take into account significant numbers of farm wind turbines, 2 incinerators at Eggborough and Kellington and several anaerobic digesters in the immediate area. In fact, planning applications for farm turbines alone exceed 40 in number up to the present time. Plans are afoot for applications for wind turbines in excess of 600 feet. Surely there is a limit to what we are expected to endure. In view of Selby District's Mission Statement, to provide a distinctive rural district with an outstanding environment, a diverse economy and attractive, vibrant towns and villages where residents would have a high-quality of life, I cannot see that the 2 fit comfortably together!

Drax Power Station has already converted part of their site to bio-mass and wish to extend this further. This would create, at least 1000MW of energy - why would we even consider 100 turbines in excess of 400 feet each with a capacity of only 250MW? Eggborough Power Station, under its new owners, wishes to convert some of their generators to bio-mass. If this goes ahead, our area will be providing far more of the area's renewal energy capacity than it would need by the year 2050. In relation to existing turbines which have been built closer than 2 km to residential properties, what is the cumulative effect to those residents with regards to turbine noise, flickering, extra HGV movements during development and a substantive reduction in house prices? All these things are factual and not imagined.

In relation to the application for Woodlane Wind Farm, I fail to understand why residents of the surrounding area have now been subjected to stress and worry for over 5 years. It has cost thousands of pounds to the present time in fighting the application and yet the applicants can take whatever time they wish to provide the necessary information to support their application.

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The question of distances from residential properties is certainly something which concerns me greatly. I have seen video footage of shadowing and flickering from a turbine into a house which raises serious questions about the health of individuals living in such properties. There is documented evidence of people suffering from headaches, sickness and the effects of noise and because my wife suffers from migraines (often caused by flickering lights), I would say that we would have to move house if a turbine was sited so close to our home. If there were multiple turbines, the effects would be catastrophic.

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This document is so complex, it is practically impossible to prepare and produce complete and cohesive comments within the allotted timescale. I would imagine that the majority of Selby residents would find this an overwhelming task and would not respond. This does not mean to say that they don't care about the plans, just that reading through all the information is prohibitively time-consuming.

The options for sending this by e-mail are confusing. You state that information cannot be saved, but it appears that, without subscribing, it is not possible to send this by e-mail. An error message tells you that any text you have added will not be included in the message if it is sent!! Hugely frustrating.

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We are fortunate to have an 865-year old church in Birkin. St Mary's Church is Grade 1 Listed and would be at serious risk from Woodlane Wind Farm and increased HGV movements in the area. The wonderful Apse and tower would be overshadowed completely by the massive turbines. This heritage we must protect and preserve at all costs.

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Signed

Terry F Rowley

Dated

14 January 2015

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Topic / Chapter: **Climate Change and Renewable Energy**

Question no.: 26

Paragraph: b

Comment: It would seem foolish to enforce policies which will push up the cost of housing, when affordable housing is in such short supply. Rather than such policies, builders should be encouraged to use solar panels on existing roofs and encourage things such as heat pumps and bio-mass.

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Question no.: 26

Paragraph: c

Comment: Again, any policies which discouraged builders from coming to our area would be a retrograde step. National standards should apply.

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Paragraph: d

Comment: I do not think that Selby should be identifying specific areas for renewable energy sites as developers could still put in plans for other areas and the whole area would be consumed by these projects. We already do more than our fair share to provide renewable energy and do NOT need any further schemes.

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Paragraph: e

Comment: With more and more single turbines being built, it is necessary for a policy about how close these can be sited to homes, road, pathways, public areas and areas used for recreational activity. Whilst 2 km would be ideal, it may not be feasible so it would be better to equate the distance from homes to the size of the turbine as these get ever bigger! However, a 2 km zone should be maintained for the 145m turbines and it ought to be much larger for any 200m turbines. Also the number of turbines should be carefully managed and their cumulative effect on the community.

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Question no.: 26

Paragraph: f

Comment: It is important that any work done has value and deals with genuine issues. Any policies must be cost effective in dealing with issues that affect numerous planning applications. Candidate subjects that are current include

- Cumulative issues of incineration - traffic and air quality
- Solar farms - visual impact and enclosure of open space
- Wind turbine cumulative visual impacts

We are particularly concerned about the cumulative effect on our environment of the numerous schemes already in existence in my small area of Beal. We already have 3 anaerobic digester plants which have a big visual impact as well as creating extra HGV journeys during construction and also, we presume, for bringing in the fuel. Also, the local fields have been taken over by the crop grown to feed these digesters, what about the crops that used to be grown in these fields. We have had no

information about the impact of these projects and have only found out bit by bit what they actually are. In addition we are under threat of huge wind farms in our area and have been for many years.

Additional Comments - The cards seem to be stacked against the residents and we hope that PLANSelby will address this issue.

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