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**Attention of Mr T Heselton**

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Dear Sir

**Ref: Selby District Interim Housing Policy**

As you would expect the views of members on this matter are very diversified.

On the one hand the number of houses with large gardens has fallen drastically over the last few years as the value of "building plots" has rocketed. On the other is it fair to penalise owners who can benefit from the value of their asset.

Personally I think it is always dangerous to have rigid rules and regulations. Each application should be considered on its merits, its impact on the local community in general and nearby properties in particular.

The Chamber has been asked many times why Selby does not have "a place worth visiting" reputation. The reasons for this are very diverse but one of them is the lack of upmarket properties on large plots to give the area an aura of affluence.

Selby's main attraction "The Market" like all markets, is out of fashion and no longer the attraction that brought thousands of people to Selby, especially on bank holidays.

Planning these days seems to be obsessed with providing “affordable housing”. If we want to encourage investment and wealthy people to the Selby area we should be renowned for encouraging the building of expensive houses on large plots and I hope this will be given very serious consideration whilst the Housing Policy is being developed.

We understand that providing affordable housing is just as important but it is imperative that a balance is maintained.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Yours faithfully 

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G Gordon  
Chairman