



**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	Agent Details (if applicable)
Name	<input type="text" value="Greig Markham"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Telephone no.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

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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

Yes

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Topic / Chapter

Question no. Paragraph

a) Are these the right topics? Yes

b) Is this a comprehensive list? Yes

c) Which ones are most important and which ones are less relevant?

Important

Topic 1 T1 Providing Homes

Topic 4 T4 Infrastructure Needs

Topic 3 T3 Defining Areas for Promoting Development and Protecting Key Assets

Less relevant

Topic 6 T6 Protecting and Enhancing the Environment

Topic 2 T2 Promoting Prosperity

Topic 5 T5 Climate Change and Renewable Energy

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Topic / Chapter	Chapter 3 Key Issues	
Question no.	Q7	Paragraph

a) Do you agree with the proposed approach to the base date? Yes

b) Do you agree with the broad principles of the calculation method? Yes

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Topic / Chapter	Chapter 3 Key Issues	
Question no.	Q8	Paragraph

a) Should PLAN Selby over-allocate to allow for any non-delivery on the allocations?

NO. For such a long-term plan, treat future non-delivery 'as and when' according to the prevailing conditions at that time.

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

Chapter 3 Key Issues

Q9 a) Is a simple percentage growth across all Designated Service Villages a fair and appropriate starting point for deciding the split between the DSVs?

Yes, a fair starting point

3.31 Once the individual DSV numbers are established, the Plan will select the most suitable sites from those available within each settlement.

"The Plan" does not select the most suitable sites. PEOPLE DO! This Consultation does not identify the People. Who are they? How do they work together? When will they decide?

3.38 "The Core Strategy sets the 'rules' for choosing sites; but do you have any views on the relative importance or weight to be attached to the criteria for site selection?"

"Site Allocations by Settlement: At this early stage in the process WE ARE NOT CONSULTING ON ANY PROPOSED SITE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENTS but are focusing instead on HOW we will choose the best sites to deliver the strategy."

SEE CONTINUATION ON SEPARATE SHEETS:-

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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.

Signed

Greig Markham

Dated

19 January 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

Post to: Policy and Strategy Team, Selby District Council, Civic Centre,
Doncaster Road, Selby YO8 9FT

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Greig Markham, Hemingbrough

Chapter 3 Key Issues. Paragraph 3.38. Question 10.

"At this early stage in the process WE ARE NOT CONSULTING ON ANY PROPOSED SITE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENTS but are focusing instead on HOW we will choose the best sites to deliver the strategy."

Despite Selby District Council training for Hemingbrough Parish Councillors at the Eastern Community Engagement Forum and at two further sessions, this 'Plan Selby' Consultation has already been used as a device by the Parish Council to decide its preferred "Plan Selby" SITE ALLOCATIONS for residential development, namely Plots 1, 7 & 8 as identified and numbered in your consultation document.

The collective decision was made at an early meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 15 January 2015 at the end of their Agenda Item 1 "Plan Selby" when no Councillor declarations of interest had been asked for or made. Implicit in the Parish Council's collective decision is their 'Plan Selby' commitment for an estate of houses on three adjacent plots thereby disqualifying owners of other land from their consideration. Presumably the Parish Council actions affect the value of the three named plots, neighbouring plots and those plots elsewhere in the village that Councillors did not support.

The Chairman justified the Council's collective decision on the grounds Councillors had been elected to make decisions on behalf of residents. Four Councillors vehemently objected to making such a decision without consultation with residents and so a plan was hatched to hold a public meeting in February 2015 to gain acceptance for what they had already decided from the expected low number of residents likely to attend. These events were captured by video recording of the Parish Council under rules allowing meetings to be recorded by the public.

Parish Council elections take place in May 2015 so perhaps this was an attempt for the dominant clique to force a Council decision before their seats are contested.

Hemingbrough Parish Council has refused to support a Village/Parish Plan for many years and has virtually no idea of the wishes of residents other than comments sought by a small, volunteer, Community Group about three year ago.

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Clearly the answer to your questions "*Paragraph 5.75 Q51 a) How should Hemingbrough grow and develop? b) What else is needed in Hemingbrough that could be allocated a site?*" is the Parish Council elected representatives must survey the residents to find out '*How should Hemingbrough grow*' and attempt to form a consensus instead of allowing a few people to contribute their views or make far-reaching decisions for a Strategic Plan.

Section 5.58. The area between Brayton and Selby Urban Area is designated as a Strategic Countryside Gap, the boundaries of which may be reviewed.

Question 43. a) How should Brayton grow and develop?

Throughout the Consultation emphasis has been put on "*Nothing is set in stone*" except a question about the 'Brayton Strategic Gap' was said to be "set in semi-stone" by a Councillor at the Eastern Community Engagement Forum. Even the Consultation narrative "*the boundaries of which MAY be reviewed*" suggest this is a special topic that has not received the same attention as the rest of the District.

A village only 1.5 miles from Selby Town, a six minute journey by car that now "incorporates a substantial part of suburban Selby" and is a "suburban commuter settlement serving Selby, Leeds, York and Doncaster" that has "few immediate barriers to growth in any direction" and has excellent bus services and other facilities should be given equal consideration.

I believe the 'Strategic Gap' which was set up in the last century, and which is described as "several agricultural fields" in the Village Plan, should be reconsidered as part of 'Plan Selby' as an excellent place for residential housing close to the Town and amenities.

End.

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