



**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](http://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

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**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	Climate Change and Renewable Energy		
Question no.	26	Paragraph	a

The target at SP17 should not be revised because it is irrelevant. Ideally it would be removed from SP17 and replaced by a policy that is designed to maximise renewable/low carbon energy in such a way that it minimises the adverse impact on the district.

If we could generate another 1000 MW from biomass , why would we want to have 100 x 410 foot turbines with a capacity of only 250MW instead or as well. 100 x 410 wind turbines would have a much greater impact on the residents in the Selby District than a single power station. Add to that the inefficiency of energy driven from wind turbines and the fact that the power stations need to be on standby anyway in case there is no wind, and it seems to be a no-brainer!

Selby should look at the bigger picture - yes, renewable energy forms are vital; no-one can deny that but at what cost? The more efficient ways of producing energy should be the ones that are encouraged.

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Question no.	26	Paragraph	b

Why set policies which exceed national standards? The 10% target should be removed and replaced by one which encourages solar on existing roofs and encourages other energy resource efficiency such as heat pumps and biomass, but not to do this in such a way that it is dependant on the level of subsidy. This matter is covered by para 95 of the NPPF, it does not need additional statements.

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Topic / Chapter

Question no.  Paragraph

Selby should not identify areas for wind farms and solar farms because to do so would not limit them to those areas as developers would still be able to propose them on any other site. It would therefore be a pointless exercise but it would have a potentially detrimental effect on any other development within those designated areas, as well as on the price of housing and the impact on local service industry.

In particular, areas within green belt should not be so designated unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider such development. It is hard to see what those exceptional circumstances could be. Selby DC is to be applauded for the huge role it has already played in providing sites for renewable energy developments, particularly windfarms. Now is surely the time to take stock and consider methods of developing renewable energy provision without the detrimental impact the region has already suffered.

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Setting minimum distances is the best way to protect Selby District residents from the worst effects of wind turbines. The District does not lend itself to the 2km blanket separation distance operated in some areas, and turbines vary so much in size. Over recent years we have seen an increase in the height of turbines used in wind farms and this will surely continue over the next 15 years.

So a minimum distance which is linked to the size of turbine is a better approach and would protect communities as turbines get even bigger. 2km was the figure often used when the maximum height of turbines was 125m, and this should be the starting point. That would give a multiplier of 16 and would give a separation distance of just over 2.3km for 145m turbines.

Minimum distances should be set for distances from homes (any number of homes including one), roads, pathways, public areas and areas used for recreational activity.

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

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It is vital that Selby considers including a minimum separation distance for wind turbines in its current SDP. This will give the appropriate guidance to potential developers and it will also give stability over the next fifteen years to landowners and communities within the district. At the moment, lives can be turned upside down for a period of several years whilst an application goes through the various processes. It may well be that the application is eventually turned down because the proposed wind farm is too close to housing but by that time lives can have been destroyed.

Do not leave this vital topic for a future SDP. Include it now.

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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

Lynda Anderson-Coe

Dated

19th January 2015

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

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