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Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to the Initial Consultation document of PLAN Selby

I would like to supply the following brief observations against each of the key topic areas for areas that should be considered by Selby District Council:

Topic 1 – Providing Homes

- Build truly affordable housing, and maximise the use of empty buildings and upper floors
- Prioritise the skills and investment needed to bring all our houses up to the highest standards of energy efficiency so we can all spend less on energy bills

Topic 2 – Promoting prosperity

- Attract new and 'green' industries into Selby District to increase jobs
- Refurbish existing local industrial estates (for example Riccall Business Park)
- Support local retailing to keep town centres a vibrant place for people to live and visit

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

- Minimise the encroachment onto undeveloped "greenfield" sites, by re-using previously developed sites which have fallen into disuse wherever possible

Topic 4 – Infrastructure needs

- Make walking and cycling safer – this is better for our health and the environment – including cycling priority routes and lane-separation, and reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph on most roads
- Reduce the need for people to travel excessively, by ensuring that the necessary facilities are provided at a local level wherever possible
- Separate this into two Topics:

1. Physical infrastructure: such as roads, footpaths, cycle ways, water supply and waste water treatment, service utilities (electricity, gas, telecommunications etc.)

2. **Community infrastructure:** such as education, healthcare, public transport and sport and recreation facilities, public art, and 'green infrastructure'

The importance of community infrastructure to the health and happiness of residents of Selby District, and its importance to one of the Council's key aims "to make Selby District a great place....to enjoy life and make a difference..." should not be underestimated and therefore should have its own topic.

Topic 5 – Climate Change and Renewable Energy

- Tackle climate change faster and more effectively by moving from a fossil fuelled economy to one powered by renewable energy
- Focus on energy efficiency and the renewable energy industry to create jobs, reduce emissions, and get people's fuel bills down permanently
- Reject harmful long-term solutions, including banning all fracking

Topic 6 – Protecting and Enhancing the Environment

- Prepare for increasing impacts on the District by investing in flood defences, to shield us from extreme weather events.
- Make it a requirement that all new developments (housing, retail, commercial or industrial) include Green Infrastructure around (eg parks) and on buildings (eg green roofs), to enhance the levels of biodiversity in the District and to enhance amount of green space available to residents/employees/visitors, but also to reduce impact of new buildings on the local drainage/flood defence systems as part of a Sustainable Urban Drainage System plan.

Kind regards

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