



**Selby District Council
Local Plan Consultation**

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

Initial Consultation Comments Form

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**Completed comments forms must be received by the Council
no later than 5pm on Monday 19th January 2015**

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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 CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWAL ENERGY

Question no. 26 Paragraph a

I read with interest your Selby District Mission Statement which is: 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.

My main concern is the cumulative effect on my environment by the proliferation of applications for renewable energy projects. This area has been swamped by the huge number of planning applications for wind farms. Residents have protested, but have been kept dangling about whether the Woodlane Wind Farm will go ahead - even though we have waited for 5 years. It seems that the proposers have unlimited time to submit their applications, whilst residents are harried to come up with arguments against them in a very short time. This application has blighted our lives for too long and the developers should be sent packing.

We now have 40 applications for farm turbines in the area. The cumulative effect on our landscape together with 3 anaerobic digesters which circle my village of Beal, is unacceptable. Why do we persist with these numerous small projects when the local power stations are capable of a much bigger effect on output of electricity by converting to bio-mass? One hundred wind turbines over 400 feet in height would only produce 250MW of electricity at the most. Drax Power Station already produces 1000MW from bio-mass and, if allowed to expand, this could almost double its output. Eggborough Power Station may also be able to join Drax in producing energy this way.

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Topic / Chapter CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWAL ENERGY

Question no. 26 Paragraph e

I have serious concerns about the health effects of wind turbines situated too close to housing. This is not the "vibrant village where I can enjoy a high-quality of life" that you suggest. I suffer with migraines which can be triggered by flickering lights. Imagine the quality of my life if I was subjected to the flicker and shadowing from a minimum of 14 turbines within my eyeline. More consideration should be given to the siting of wind farms and their proximity to residential housing if you are to meet your mission statement.

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Topic / Chapter	ENGAGEMENT PLAN	
Question no.	4	Paragraph 3.1

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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Topic / Chapter	LOCALLY IMPORTANT HERITAGE ASSETS	
Question no.	28	Paragraph

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

Dated

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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 bui-mass.

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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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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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