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*I was not able to save the response form - I hope you are able to accept my comments provided below.  
 Thank you*

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We recommend inclusion of a policy in PLAN Selby to support the Core Strategy and reflect the NPPF with wording such as the following:

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2. Developments that result in additional need for community facilities will be required to contribute towards enhancing existing facilities, or provide/contribute towards new facilities. This contribution will be addressed through CIL and/or section 106 obligations, as appropriate.
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Regards,

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