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Dear Helen

Selby District Council changes to the Submission Draft Core Strategy (6th set) – NPPF compliance consultation

Thank you for your consultation dated 7 June 2012.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England believes that the Selby District Council Submission Draft Core Strategy is in conformity with key natural environment aspects of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Our letter dated 11 May 2012 (our ref: 50967) in response to your consultation on proposed changes to the Submission Draft Core Strategy made it clear that we considered the amended Plan compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) subject to the changes proposed. We are pleased to see that our comments on aspects of the plan and their compliance with the framework have been taken on board and our recommended changes have been made.

Natural England supports changes that have been made to Policy CP1 (B) of the plan that make reference to the allocation of land with the preference of land of least environmental value or amenity. This is now in conformity with para. 110 of the NPPF.

Natural England also supports your changes made to Policy CP15 (5) which now refers to *'protecting and enhancing locally distinctive landscapes, areas of tranquillity, public rights of way and access, (PC6.88) open spaces and playing fields...'*. This is now in conformity with para. 123, para. 75 and para. 76 of the NPPF respectively.

Following the main modifications made to paragraphs 4.37- 4.39 **Natural England supports the 'Green Belt' policy, supporting text and reference section on 'Green Belt Review'**. We have no comments to make on the compliance of other aspects of the Plan with the NPPF.

For any correspondence or queries relating to this consultation only, please contact Bryn Pryce on 0300 0600783. For all other correspondence, please contact consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely



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