



**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 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

Personal Details

Name: Womersley Parish Council

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: Housing provision and distribution. Chapter: 3

Question no.: 8

Paragraph: 3.20-22

Comment:

SDC's statement that it has a requirement of 7,200 dwellings appears to be catering more for commuters than for local needs. It is understood that this figure excludes windfall sites. Windfall sites have, in Selby District, been historically high. That, therefore, suggests that there is no need for additional contingency sites. In addition, commuting by car has, for many years, been discouraged because carbon and particulate reduction policies. Other than the above comments Womersley Parish Council, as a secondary village, is not in a position to comment on other details relating to primary villages and towns.

Topic: Green belt and village development limits. Chapter: 3

Question no.: 26b & c.

Paragraph: 3.112

Comment:

Womersley is not only a secondary village, but is also a conservation area. As such it would not expect to be involved in the green belt review process. The parish council is of the opinion that the village development limits should remain unchanged. The area around Womersley has many foot paths and bridleways, is frequently used by walkers and horse riders alike and also provides important habitats for a wide variety of wildlife such as birds and animals. Preservation of the green belt around Womersley should be compatible with Plan Selby as stated in paragraph 3.112.

Topic: Traveller Sites.

Chapter: 3

Question no.: 13 and 14

Paragraph: 3.54

Comment:

Questions 13 and 14 refer to the provision of Traveller sites. SDC's identification of 5 possible traveller sites is, in Womersley parish council's opinion, too rigid and could be seen as unfair because there are other sites in the district which also meet SDC's identified criteria. The words 'seek to exhaust alternatives inside the broad location for growth' in paragraph 3.54 should be removed and the spurious comparison with flood zones should be revisited.

A key factor in any site selection has to be the capacity of local schools to absorb and cater for traveller children. Specific sites should not be identified in advance as the classification could be misused when seeking other planning approvals. Landowners' support does not necessarily indicate that the land is suitable for use as a traveller site. The existing infrastructure must be taken into account, as must the existing facilities and wishes of the travelling and settled communities.

Topic: Climate Change and renewable energy.

Chapter: 3

Question no.: 26a; b; c; d; e.

Paragraph: 3.

Comment:

Womersley parish council sees no benefit from the proposal to take minimum targets from the now defunct RSS allocations. The parish council notes that the AECOM report relates mainly to wind turbines and does not take into account other forms of renewable energy. Whilst this omission might seem surprising, the parish council would like to point out that the aforementioned study was prepared by the windfarm industry and, clearly, is more concerned with exploiting available Government subsidies than about dealing with the countryside's ability to absorb wind turbines. There is now available a much wider range of renewable energy sources than at the time of the publication of the RSS figures. The original targets were based on generating capacity not electricity delivery and, as such, are of no real value. Wind turbines' contribution to electricity generation is minute. These targets should be removed from Plan Selby.

Plan Selby should not include additional targets for housing development that differ from National Guidelines. The 10% guideline should be removed.

The height of any turbines should determine separation – 10x the height for a single turbine and a proportionate increase for 2 or more.

Rapidly changing technology may mean detailed policies quickly become irrelevant and out of date. Policies on the cumulative impact of light and air pollution should be considered along with NHS policies on health and life expectancy. The current rash of applications for incinerators should be refused.

Plan Selby should avoid a plethora of detailed policies and place more reliance on National Guidelines. Policies should implement the plan's vision and not promote development for development's sake.

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

How does Pan Selby intend to deal with already existing Parish Plans and Village Design Statements?

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.

Name - or signature: F M A Farman. *F M A Farman*

Date: 16.01.2015

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

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