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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached our representations, submitted on behalf of the Sullivan Group, to the Council's proposed Interim Housing Policy.

I would be grateful if you confirm by return that you have received the document.

Regards

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Representations on behalf of The Sullivan Group to the Interim Policy for Control of Housing Development

Our client, The Sullivan Group, is supportive of the adoption of the Interim Policy for Control of Housing Development to control proposals for 'windfall' development prior to the adoption of Selby District Council's Core Strategy. The Sullivan Group are of the view that the recent reclassification by the Coalition Government of 'previously developed land', by excluding residential curtilages, is unnecessarily preventing sites coming forward for residential development which, in all other respects, are acceptable in planning terms.

Since the reclassification of 'previously developed land', as highlighted above, Selby District Council have been forced to apply the provisions of Local Plan Policy H2A to proposals for residential development on land within residential curtilages. This excludes all new development on greenfield land with the policy permitting proposals on previously developed land only. Prior to the Coalition Government's reclassification the provisions of PPS3 outweighed the provisions of Local Plan Policy H2A, given that the Local Plan was adopted back in 2005. In effect, therefore, overnight residential schemes that were considered acceptable to the local planning authority, in all respects, are now being resisted on the basis of residential curtilage now being re-classified as greenfield land.

If this policy scenario continues there is a significant danger of first housing delivery falling behind local authority requirements and, secondly, in many circumstances residential development being redirected to brownfield sites within smaller secondary villages which would be contrary to the key sustainable development objectives of Selby District Council's emerging Core Strategy.

Clearly, in order to continue to focus new development on Selby, the principal town, Sherburn-in-Elmet and Tadcaster, the local service centres, and the designated service villages within the District in accordance with the draft Core Strategy, development on greenfield land which is acceptable in planning and design terms in all respects, should be permitted.

The proposed Interim Policy for Control of Housing Development correctly seeks to once again achieve an appropriate balance of permitting development of an appropriate scale on greenfield land providing that all normal planning and design considerations can be met.

In light of the above, The Sullivan Group reiterate their support for the adoption, as soon as possible, of the Interim Policy for Control of Housing Development.