

Selby District Council  
Core Strategy Examination in Public

Position Statement

Treatment of Barlby/Osgodby, Brayton and  
Thorpe Willoughby in the Settlement Hierarchy

28 September 2011



## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 At the Hearing session on the afternoon of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 concerning Matter 2, the Council was invited to reconsider the role of Barlby/Osgodby, Brayton and Thorpe Willoughby in the settlement hierarchy, and to consider whether adequate guidance is provided in Policy CP1 in relation to the future role of these three villages.

## **2.0 Councils Position**

- 2.1 The evidence set out in background Paper No. 5 (CD22d) demonstrates the sustainable credentials of all three settlements.
- 2.2 It is acknowledged that the three villages (Barlby/Osgodby, Brayton and Thorpe Willoughby) might be expected to accommodate future housing growth in excess of the level that would be appropriate in other villages owing to their greater sustainability and close proximity to Selby. However growth should be complimentary to growth in Selby, and not risk creating a 'Greater Selby or result in a level of growth greater than that planned in Local Service Centres. The Councils priority is to maintain the separate identity of all three settlements and to ensure that growth is focussed on Selby.
- 2.3 The complimentary role of the three villages is clearly articulated in both Policy CP1 and the supporting text (see paras 4.17 and 4.25 bullet point 6). The three villages are specifically referred to by name in Policy CP1 and are treated differently to the other Designated Service Villages by the expressed recognition of the scope for growth in them to complement growth in Selby. It is not considered that the soundness of the Core Strategy would be improved by identifying a separate tier within the settlement hierarchy which could potentially overcomplicate the settlement hierarchy.
- 2.4 The Council also remains of the view, as set out in Written Statement No. 3, that decisions regarding the precise scale and location of development in all the Designated Service Villages, should be taken through the Site Allocations DPD, based on local circumstances and in consultation with local communities.
- 2.5 In this respect it should be noted that the emerging Site Allocations DPD earmarks 39% of planned housing growth in Designated Service Villages to Barlby/Osgodby, Brayton and Thorpe Willoughby combined.

## **3.0 Conclusion**

- 3.1 In conclusion Policy CP1 is considered to provide appropriate strategic guidance for the treatment of Designated Service Villages and no change is required.