

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: julie curran

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 / Chapter: climate change and renewable energy

Question no.: 26 a

Paragraph: providing a revised target

Comment: No, There is no benefit in having a target when the targets in the former Regional Spatial Strategy no longer applies and the NPPF makes clear that targets are taken as minima and not maxima.

When RSS targets were still in force, achievement of them carried little if any weight in planning appeals about wind farms.

Topic / Chapter: climate change and renewable energy

Question no.: 26 d

Paragraph: Identifying suitable areas

Comment: No again, consider it, but there is nowhere suitable in the Selby district for the inefficient power generation source of windfarms. Driven largely by commercial interests, and huge subsidies from the tax payers pocket to the landowners. Current windfarms in the district spend more time off than on, and we already have very much more than our fair share of electricity generation sites. There is little difference in the geology and landscape across the district so if you designate one area as a site, and so obviously have to grant planning permission, then logically it would not be possible to refuse planning consent for other sites.

Topic / Chapter: climate change and renewable energy

Question no.: 26 e

Paragraph: separation distances

Comment: Must be included. The current planning laws did not foresee such huge structures out in the countryside, and in my opinion this law needs amending. Even within existing law however SDC would be correct in laying out separation distances, and could sensibly do this depending on the height of the structure. Whilst 2 km would be perfect it may be a little impractical so 1.5 km may be a better compromise. I urge members to go out to the countryside near existing turbines to see the impact for themselves.

Topic / Chapter: traveller sites

Question no.: 13

Paragraph: do you agree with approach

Comment: A bizarre situation, not replicated n other councils or within our own for other uses, surely the answer is to purchase suitable sites and use them as the council see fit.

Topic / Chapter: traveller sites

Question no.: 13 b

Paragraph: Are there other factors

Comment: The 2013 TNA should be applied rigorously, otherwise why have it. It is essential to avoid discontent that all residents of the district are treated equally when it comes to abiding by current laws. As a "non-traveller" (although I appear to travel very much more on a daily and weekly basis for my living than some local travellers) if I was to build houses on my greenbelt fields I would be issued

with an enforcement notice to demolish, this is not currently the case for travellers. I could not use the excuse that the council hasn't provided enough cheap/free sites to enable me to build.

Comment Submission Statement

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Name - or signature: Dr Julie Curran

Date: 18 January 2015

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

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