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Dear Sir/Madam

Response to Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Submission Core Strategies

References:

- A. Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Submission Core Strategies
- B. Our response to Site Allocations – Preferred Options dated 11th January 2008.

Introduction

We write as an elected, representative and consultation body for and on behalf of the residents and businesses of Topcliffe Parish in order to make comment on the Core Strategies in Reference A. Our particular interest concerns site W2 at Dalton Airfield. As a council we stand by our objections as stated in our letter to you of Reference B. We note that we have to date not received the information requested in that letter. Does this mean that it has not been read?

Strategic Aims

In principle we broadly support the strategy and in particular five of the Strategic Aims, which we feel best support our objections as laid out in Reference B and endorse our view that site W2 should be removed from the preferred options list. These aims encourage the reduction of waste, encourage people to create less waste which, lowers the demand for facilities and reduces potential for conflict with non-waste related sensitive industries such as food production. The five strategic aims that we support are:

- SA 1 – Reduce the amount of waste requiring management

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- SA 3 – Encourage sustainable methods of waste management and disposal
- SA 5 – Conserve and enhance the distinctive natural and built environment of North Yorkshire
- SA 6 – Limit the potential adverse impacts of waste management on local amenity
- SA 8 – Operate within the guiding principles of sustainable development

Interrelated Policies

The Government has pointed to the need to refer to “local environmental, social and economic preferences” as part of the process (3.4.1). If the Partnership does not acknowledge that these factors are integral to its success confidence in its decisions will be undermined and every decision will be vigorously contested. Speedy decisions, which are made on the grounds of expediency, political or otherwise, will be unacceptable.¹

We have conducted a detailed review of the document at Reference A. Our analysis leads us to conclude that there is scope to enhance the compliance of the documents with the spirit implied above through the amendment of two specific policies, CSW 5 and CSW 6 and modifications to ‘local amenity’ at page 56 and policy DC W13. Our suggestions are:

- CSW 5 –
 - Paragraph ii. Amend to read – *Large scale facilities for the recovery, end treatment and disposal of waste should be located within **close proximity to waste arisings** and within the indicative area of opportunity for large scale facilities shown on the diagram **where this does not conflict with the legitimate activities of existing businesses.***
 - Paragraph iv. Amend to read – *maximisation of the capacity **and development of existing dedicated disposal facilities and/or their appropriate extension if possible.***
- CSW 6 –
 - Paragraph i – *please define appropriate?*
 - Paragraph ii *existing and proposed employment land – insert - **where development of a waste site is not to the detriment of existing business***
Or
 - New Paragraph v. ***takes account of the potential impact on existing businesses and local amenity.***
- Local Amenity – Page 56
 - First Paragraph. After intrusion, please insert emissions.
 - Second Paragraph. Please define fully ‘integrate proposals’?
- Policy DC W13 – Page 58

¹ Waste Consultation 2005 – draft Environment Forum Response February 2006

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- First paragraph. Please amend to read - The County Councils *prime consideration will be* to permit etc. Following on;
 - Amend to read - Cumulative *and combined* effects
- Add
 - Local amenity
 - Adverse impact on business
 - Size of development

Relevance to site W2

We consider that in regard to site W2 any waste development will:

- Impact upon the strategic development of existing local businesses.
- Have detrimental effect on the proposed and supported, major housing development at Dalton village.
- Have detrimental effect on prospective and sustainable local employment due to adverse impact on future potential development of new and existing industry at the site.
- Impact the ability of Hambleton District Council, through its LDF to site new industry at the site.
- Have severe impact on the local environment 'per se', its amenity.

Yours Faithfully

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