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| **Publication stage Response form - Part B**  **Please use a separate Part B form for each representation** | | | | |
| Name or Organisation : | | Escrick Parish Council | | |
| *Please mark with an x as appropriate*   1. To which part of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan does this representation relate? | | | | |
| Paragraph No./ Site Allocation Reference No.  5.129 | | Policy No. | | Policies Map |
| 2. Do you consider the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan is : | | | | |
| 2.(1) Legally compliant  2.(2) Sound | x  Yes  x  Yes | | No  No | |
| (2a) Which Element of soundness does your representation relate to? (please only mark with an x one element of soundness per response form).  *Positively Prepared* YesNo  *Justified* Yes No    x      *Effective* YesNo  *Consistent with National Policy* YesNo | | | | |
| 2 (3) Complies with the  x  xaaxxxxxxxx  Duty to co-operate Yes No | | | | |
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3. Please give details below of why you consider the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

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| Para 5.129 correctly states, when considering the potential affect of hydrocarbon development, that ‘Although the City of York is not protected in the same way as National Parks and AONBs, the historic character and setting of the City is a key reason for having designated the York Green Belt, one of only six cities in England where this reason applies, and the historic City as a whole does not benefit from any other specific national policy protection. The relatively flat and low lying landscape around York allows for long distance views of the Minster and other landmark buildings which are integral to the setting of the City. For these reasons, applicants will need to consider carefully the historic character and setting of the City when siting and designing proposals for surface hydrocarbons development within the City of York Green Belt. Where necessary, mitigation measures should be provided to prevent any unacceptable impact. Further details on the Green Belt can be found in Policy D05.’  Escrick Parish Council supports the recognition that the City of York and its historic character and setting are a key reason for having the York Green Belt. The Plan statement in this paragraph reflects good Green Belt practice. However, we consider that this important sentiment should be equally applied to other minerals and waste uses in the Plan where this protection and consideration must equally be applied. Where there may have been inappropriate development approved but not yet implemeted in the past (such as the North Selby Mine site – ref WJP02 – which was originally intended to be restored to agriculture use to preserve its Green Belt character and important function for the setting of the City of York), this same York Green Belt consideration should be applied. Therefore we require that this same criteria be appled to other policies as appropriate for each of the uses under consideration in the Plan before any of the proposed Allocations or Preferred Areas are confirmed.  Furthermore, the cumulative impact of their proposals and their traffic and transport implications should also be considered, in line with the objectives set out in paragraph 42, on a particular road network if only road transport is available (see our response on para 42) – eg the A19 between Selby and York is already overloaded and congested and further proposals using large numbers of HGVs will have massive implications for the local road network and environment for local communities and climate change objectives. |

(continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

4. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified at 3. above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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| Other enabling policies in the Plan to be reviewed to apply the same protection for York Green Belt as set out here.  ie to include the following:  ‘Although the City of York is not protected in the same way as National Parks and AONBs, the historic character and setting of the City is a key reason for having designated the York Green Belt, one of only six cities in England where this reason applies, and the historic City as a whole does not benefit from any other specific national policy protection. The relatively flat and low lying landscape around York allows for long distance views of the Minster and other landmark buildings which are integral to the setting of the City. For these reasons, applicants will need to consider carefully the historic character and setting of the City when siting and designing proposals for xxxxxxxx development within the City of York Green Belt. Where necessary, mitigation measures should be provided to prevent any unacceptable impact. Further details on the Green Belt can be found in Policy D05.’ |

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***Please note*** *your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the origional representation at publication stage.*

***After this stage further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.***

5. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

**No,** I do not wish to participate **Yes,** I wish to participate

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6. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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***Please note*** *the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.*

**All responses received will be considered and any information provided**

**will be made public. My consent is hereby confirmed.**

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| Signature: Helen Guest, Clerk to Escrick Parish Council | Date: 21.12.16 |