

Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Publication Stage Representation Form

Please return to Bassetlaw District Council by 5pm on Monday 20th December 2010

This form has two parts:

Part A – Personal Details

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Guidance on how to complete this form is provided on the final pages

PART A

1. Your details

2. Agents Details (if applicable)

Title	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text" value="Ann"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Postcode	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you would like your details to be added to our consultation database, please tick

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE REPRESENTATIONS, INCLUDING YOUR CONTACT
DETAILS, WILL BE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.**

PART B - Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: XXXXXXXXXX

3. To which document does your representation relate?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposals Map	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Appraisal
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4. To which part of the Core Strategy/Sustainability Appraisal does your representation relate?

Paragraph Number(s)	Policy Number(s)	DM10	Diagram(s)	Energy Opportunities Diagram

5. Do you consider the document to be legally compliant*?

Yes

No

6. Do you consider the Core Strategy to be 'sound'*?

Yes

No

7. If you consider the Core Strategy to be 'unsound', please identify the test of soundness to which your representation relates.

Justified

Effective

Consistent with National Policy

* The considerations in relation to the Core Strategy being 'sound' and 'legally compliant' are explained on the back page of this form.

8. Please give details of why you consider that the Core Strategy/Sustainability Appraisal/Proposals Map is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Core Strategy/Sustainability Appraisal/Proposals Map, please use this box to comment.

We welcome the change to the policy as we recommended at the Preferred Options Stage and the amendments to the Energy Opportunities Diagram as described in paragraph 5.26. However, we wish to raise a number of additional points and propose further changes to the policy and the diagram that would strengthen the policy in terms of the protection of heritage assets and landscape character, including historic landscape character, in line with PPS 22 (particularly paragraphs 11, 14, 19 and 21) and PPS 5 (particularly policies HE1, HE8, HE9 and HE10).

With regard to the Energy Opportunities Diagram, notwithstanding the new text in 5.26 and footnote 42, it should be made clear on the page of the map that it represents technical renewable energy potential as opposed to deployable capacity.

Secondly, the criteria under Policy DM10 A. might be interpreted only to apply to wind power; it should be clear that the criteria do relate, as least in part, to other forms of renewable and low energy infrastructure, such as biomass.

Notwithstanding Policy DM9, we consider that the first bullet point of A. should refer specifically to landscape character, as this is not always understood to be included under the 'natural environment'; it should also include urban landscapes. We consider this to be an important issue in the context of the European Landscape Convention. It would also be appropriate to refer in the text to the recently published East Midlands Landscape Character Assessment (EMLCA) and the Woodland Opportunity Mapping that was informed by the EMLCA; the latter could be relevant to identifying the potential for new biomass planting: http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/east_midlands/ourwork/characterassessment.aspx

Finally, the policy should recognise that wind turbines in particular are likely to result in cross boundary impacts. For example, a proposal could affect the setting of heritage assets in other Districts, such as Creswell Crags, Rufford Abbey, Laxton, Sandbeck Park and Roche Abbey and heritage assets in adjacent settlements such as Gainsborough and Tickhill. The forthcoming final version of English Heritage's Setting Guidance, which adds to the advice in the PPS 5 Practice Guide, will be of assistance in assessing such impacts.

9. Have you raised this issue during previous formal consultations? (tick as appropriate)

Yes (at Issues & Options)

Yes (at Preferred Options)

No

If you have answered 'No', please explain why this issue has not been raised before:

10. With reference to your answer at 8 above, please outline the precise change that you consider to be necessary to make the Core Strategy/Sustainability Appraisal/Proposals Map legally compliant or sound. Please demonstrate *why* this change will make the Core Strategy/Sustainability Appraisal legally compliant or sound.

In order to strengthen the policy in line with the relevant paragraphs/ policies of PPS 22 and PPS 5 highlighted above, we recommend the following amendments to Policy DM10 and the Energy Opportunities Diagram:

- The last sentence of Policy DM10 A. Carbon Reduction, page 67:
Proposals for renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure, *including wind turbines and biomass*, will *also* need to demonstrate that they:
- The first bullet point of the policy at the top of page 68:
are compatible with policies to safeguard the built and natural environment, including *landscape character and heritage assets and their setting and take account of cross-boundary impacts*;
- While footnote 42 does refer to the limitations of the Energy Opportunities Diagram, it would be useful if this could either be relocated to page 69 under the diagram, or an additional footnote be added below the diagram that states that it represents technical renewable energy potential as opposed to deployable capacity.

Finally, the text at Policy DM10 or alternatively at Policy DM9 could highlight the supplementary information contained in the EMLCA and Woodland Opportunity Mapping and its potential role in the planting of new woodland, including new biomass planting.

11. If your representation is seeking a change to the Core Strategy or Sustainability Appraisal, do you consider it necessary for you to participate at the oral part of the examination or will this written response (to be submitted to the Inspector) be sufficient?

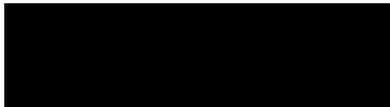
Please note that this written representation carries the same weight, and will be subject to the same scrutiny, as oral representations.

No, I do not wish to participate

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Yes, I wish to participate

Signature



Date

17 December 2010

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