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Charlotte Bogg,
Ryedale Planning Service,
Ryedale House,
Malton.

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Dear Ms. Bogg,

Herewith the Parish Council's comments on the Ryedale Draft Core Strategy. They were approved unanimously at last night's Parish Council Meeting.

Generally speaking, the Parish Council regards the Draft Core Strategy as a sound and well-thought-out document, with a few exceptions, namely:

- (1.11) The Parish Council is totally opposed to any specific provision being made in the document for
(1.12) "Conservation Deficit" planning. This is contrary to national guidelines which state that specific sites or landowners should not be identified in Local Plans. Government policy already allows 'Enabling Development' to relax planning regulations to fund conservation, and additional provision is not required. If landowners have a conservation deficit they should either rely on existing National Planning Policy, or resort to other sources of funding or finance, e.g. grants, fund-raising events, sale of assets, etc. The Draft Strategy with its carefully thought out Settlement Hierarchy is rightly designed to steer new development into the more sustainable and accessible locations in the District. Any departure from this would make a mockery of the overall plan. In any case, it is doubtful if any significant development could take place outside the suggested sites because of the poor state or provision of local infrastructure, such as roads, sewerage, telecommunications, schools and power supply. Any large-scale development in the vicinity of Castle Howard would permanently spoil the rolling parkland landscape and the long-distance vistas that have been carefully nurtured over 300 years, and thus completely negate the purpose of conserving the building. The Parish Council is also concerned that the approach from Castle Howard to Ryedale DC regarding special treatment was made before the previous consultation commenced, yet was not mentioned in it.
- (2.38) No matter how hard various authorities and agencies try to alter people's habits, it remains a fact that
(2.41) unless (possibly) one lives in a town, a person living in Ryedale and working full-time relies on a car to travel to and from work. Rural public transport is currently being drastically reduced. Development outside the towns therefore contributes to all manners of pollution.
- Pages 21, 30 Development in rural areas, whether in Service Villages or elsewhere, will not permit the maintenance of a 'distinctive and high quality landscape'.
- (3.26) Matching local needs to development is crucial.
- Page 32 Over the years services in villages fluctuate. How will the Strategy cope with (a) the possible closure of
(CS.1) facilities debarring a village from the "Service" category, or (b) the possible addition of facilities elevating a village to the "Service" category? Any such change would surely have to be of a permanent rather than a temporary nature. The annual questionnaire to Parish Councils needs to identify how long any new facility has been operating: two years should be a minimum before any consideration to alter a category is made. The proposed five-yearly review should use similar criteria.

Yours sincerely,

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R.J.I. Corden, Clerk.