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Inspector,

cc Brian Taylor

I expect to say something along the following lines if you allow.

At the EIP into the PDNPA core strategy, CPRE, Natural England and Sustainable Youlgrave agreed with officers to break out to agree climate change policies. That didn't happen.

The Inspector concluded in her non technical summary

"Remove unnecessary negative statements towards renewable energy generation for consistency with national policy:"

In my view and others', CC2 hasn't delivered that objective. The adopted policy is less positive than we had hoped on the weight to be given to renewable energy proposals.

Since then several cases have revealed imbalanced reports and decisions. At Middleton, officers overstated the impact of a single house turbine. Members agreed and approved it. At Parwich, there was protracted debate concerning one or two farm turbines and legal argument as to the interpretation of CC2.. Two were approved on appeal. At Middleton again, solar panels on a hidden roof were refused. They were approved on appeal. At Pike Hall, a single wind turbine to power a dairy farm and cheese factory was refused despite local support and the benefit to the economy of two Park friendly businesses. At Friden, a multiple farm AD plant was discouraged, despite the Park having part funded and signed off a report that proposed it.

It would assist the you if officers were to report all cases since CC2 was drafted. There will be others I don't know about.

I was pleased to read the revised climate change policy proposed by Chatsworth Estate. I disagree with any proposal that the policy change be deferred until the next review of the Core Strategy. Chatsworth has made the case that the Framework has changed the planning balance since CC2 was adopted. That in my view enables a review of CC2 in this document.

I suggest that awaiting the unscheduled review of the core strategy will prevent good renewable proposals in the interim. Please supervise a review.

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