1. We have set out in our response to Matter 1 that, as drafted, the Doncaster Local Plan is not consistent with national policy and will not secure development that contributes to the mitigation and adaptation of climate change as required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

2. We have, in our previous submission, identified issues and proposed modifications (not taken up by the Council) that will make clear those requirements in Policy 62. We note that these are not covered in respect of the Inspector’s MIQs and will wish to raise them at the session.

3. In addition, we note the removal of para.209(a) from the NPPF which contained the following text: ‘a) recognise the benefits of on-shore oil and gas development, including unconventional hydrocarbons, for the security of energy supplies and supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy; and put in place policies to facilitate their exploration and extraction’.

4. This means those benefits are no longer recognised in national policy nor are facilitative polices for exploration and extraction justified. We therefore propose further modifications of text at 14.33 by deleting the entire second sentence starting ‘Others, such as gas and oil,...’ and amend the pre-amble text of Policy 62 to read: ‘The extraction and production of aggregate, industrial and building stone minerals that contribute...’.

5. Likewise we propose that the text ‘...and hydrocarbon, exploration, appraisal and development (including production).’ be removed from Policy 63. We also propose that the following additional text be added to the end of the paragraph:

‘Applicants will be required to demonstrate how the proposal impacts on climate change and targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and, where appropriate, propose mitigation and adaptation measures.’

The Committee on Climate Change in its Net Zero report\(^1\) states the need to escalate policy requirements across all sectors, including minerals. Text to reflect this is now common in many adopted and developing local plans including Cumbria, Lancashire, North Yorkshire (joint authorities), East Riding and Kingston-upon-Hull and Northumberland. Following our comments in other matters’ statements, this is required to meet section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and para. 148 of the NPPF.

6. In relation to the Inspector’s Q15.9, we have proposed alternative policy text, drawing on the practical experience of planning applications related to unconventional hydrocarbons (notably fracking) in adjacent areas and adopted policy elsewhere. We believe that a more

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specific, criteria-led approach is necessary taking into account the specificities of local circumstances that are not dealt with in detail by national policy, which Policy 65 relies upon. The need for more restrictive policy is also further justified by the removal of NPPF 209a.

7. In our proposed Policy 66 we would also suggest adding, in the light of recent developments, text as follows to our proposed criterion c:

   c. ‘[…] Mineral Planning Authority; this will include measures to avoid induced seismicity.'