

FT last year -
message from H saying he
would turn it down.

H - turning down application
but can re-apply for re-consideration

BELVOIR - POINTS TO BE MADE

1. This represents acceptance that Belvoir will be developed - and provides route to planning permission.
2. In essence what it adds up to is not whether to mine but how to do so in an environmentally acceptable way.
3. Of the 3 proposed mines only Hose is actually in the Vale; Asfordby and Saltby are not.
4. Mr Heseltine has found only the mine and tip at Hose and the tip at Saltby objectionable.
5. Way is now clear for NCB to re-apply for Asfordby and/or Saltby straight away; in practice likely to try to sort out environmental problems first.
6. Leicestershire County Council will decide on any new applications for Asfordby and Saltby; and LCC now in favour of developing coalfield. Could only be a new inquiry if Mr Heseltine called in such applications (and not likely to) or if County Council reject them and NCB appeal.

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