

KIRKLEES LOCAL PLAN  
STAGE 1 HEARING

**AGENDA – DAY 1**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10.00**  
**The Hudawi Centre, Great Northern Street, Huddersfield**

MATTER 1 – LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS  
MATTER 2 – SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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**Morning session – starting at 10am**

1. Inspector's opening remarks
2. Opening by the Council

**MATTER 1 – LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

***Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with statutory procedures and Regulations?***

3. Duty to Cooperate [Matter 1a]
4. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) [Matter 1b]
  - Consultation on SA Addendum (April 2017)
5. Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) [Matter 1c]
  - Natural England response and proposed modifications
  - In-combination effects and air quality
  - Consultation on updated HRA (March 2017)
6. Role of AAPs and whether Plan preparation is in line with the Local Development Scheme [Matters 1d and 1e]
7. Other issues under Matter 1 [including Matters 1f and 1g]

## **Afternoon session – starting at 2pm**

### **MATTER 2 – SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

***Does the overall growth and spatial strategy for the Plan present a positive framework which is consistent with national policy and will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development?***

8. Spatial development strategy and testing of alternative approaches [Matter 2c]
  - Spatial differences between Approaches 2 and 3?
  
9. Does the Council's proposed distribution of housing growth<sup>1</sup> align with the spatial development strategy? [Matters 2d and 2e]
  - Is a Huddersfield/Dewsbury focus achieved?
  - Elsewhere, what factors were taken into account in determining site allocations and the distribution of growth? Is there evidence to show how settlement size/function was taken into account?
  
10. Does the Council's proposed distribution of employment growth<sup>2</sup> align with the spatial development strategy? [Matters 2d and 2e]
  - Is a Huddersfield/Dewsbury focus achieved?
  - What factors were taken into account in determining site allocations and the distribution of growth? To what degree was locational sustainability taken into account?
  
11. Clarity of the spatial development strategy as expressed in the Plan [Matters 2d and 2e]
  - Urban focus - clarity of wording in section 6.1 of the Plan.
  - Is there sufficient detail in the Plan regarding other parts of Kirklees?
  - Role of targets or predicted distribution.
  
12. Is Policy PLP 3 effective, justified, and consistent with paragraph 154 in the National Planning Policy Framework? [Matter 2h]
  
13. What effect will the Plan's growth and spatial development strategy have on air quality and carbon emissions? [Matter 2i]
  - Air quality - mitigation measures in the Plan and in-combination effects
  - Carbon emissions – mitigation measures in the Plan
  
14. Other issues under Matter 2 [including Matters 2a, 2b, 2f, 2g and 2j]

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<sup>1</sup> In connection with this the Council is requested to provide a totals row in Table A2 of the Housing Supply Topic Paper (September 2017), and an updated settlement table from Appendix 2 of the Housing Technical Paper (April 2017) which takes account of 2016/17 completions/commitments data.

<sup>2</sup> In connection with this the Council is requested to provide a summary table drawing together the sources of employment supply in document EX12. The table should incorporate all sources of completions and losses over the Plan period by sub-area, and include a totals column with figures and percentages.

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**AGENDA – DAY 2**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10.00**  
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**MATTER 3 – OVERALL HOUSING NEED**

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**MATTER 3 – OVERALL HOUSING NEED**

***Is the identified objectively assessed need (OAN) of 31,140 dwellings soundly based and supported by robust and credible evidence?***

1. Does the Council's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) take sufficient account of alternative migration trends?  
[Matter 3b]
2. Are the headship rates in the SHMA justified and based on appropriate sensitivity testing? [Matter 3d]
3. Is the applied jobs growth uplift rate (based on projected growth of 23,000 jobs over the Plan period) soundly based and justified? [Matter 3c]
  - Suitability of the jobs-growth forecast of 23,000
  - Age range used in the jobs-growth forecasts and the jobs-led scenarios
  - Economic activity rates in the scenarios
  - Unemployment rates in the scenarios
  - Employment rates in the scenarios (para. 1.24 of Council's hearing statement)
  - Justification for use of the SENS1 scenario
4. Other issues under Matter 3 [including Matters 3a, 3e, 3f, 3g]

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**AGENDA – DAYS 3 and 4**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10.00  
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**MATTER 4 – HOUSING LAND SUPPLY AND DELIVERY**

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**MATTER 4 – HOUSING LAND SUPPLY AND DELIVERY**

***Is the identified overall housing requirement in the Plan (31,140 dwellings) justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy?***

1. Overall housing requirement and it's expression in the Plan
2. Clarity of information on housing supply as expressed in the Local Plan
  - Sources of supply as set out in Table 5
  - Housing trajectory graph, figure 7
  - Five year supply
3. Is the windfall allowance justified and supported by local evidence?
  - Breakdown of small v large sites
  - Inclusion of large sites
  - Justification for rate of 450 pa
4. Are the estimated delivery and phasing rates for site allocations/outstanding permissions robustly based and justified?
  - Lead-in times and build rates - parameters
  - Phasing rates on strategic sites and other sites
  - Site capacity/density
5. Overview of housing delivery, and whether there is sufficient flexibility to ensure the overall housing requirement and five year housing are met?
6. Other issues under Matter 4 [including Matters 4g and 4i]

**Please note – this session is provisionally timetabled to continue on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10am (if necessary)**

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**AGENDA – DAY 5**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10.00**  
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MATTER 5 – OTHER HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

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**MATTER 5 – OTHER HOUSING REQUIREMENTS**

***Have affordable housing needs, traveller accommodation needs and the needs of other groups been satisfactorily assessed and addressed in the Plan, in line with national policy?***

1. Affordable housing need over the Plan period [Matters 5a and 5b]  
*(please note there is some overlap between this issue and Matter 4a. There will be an opportunity to comment at both sessions)*
2. Affordable housing delivery [Matters 5c, 5d and 5e]
  - Is the proposed rate of 20% affordable housing in Policy PLP 11 justified and deliverable?
  - Affordable housing trajectory
3. Future proofing the definition of affordable housing [Matter 5f]
4. Rural exception housing [Matter 5g]
5. Identifying traveller accommodation needs [Matters 5h, 5i, 5j and 5m]
  - Total need requirements over the Plan period
  - New definition of gypsies and travellers
6. Traveller accommodation requirements as expressed in Policy PLP 12 [Matter 5j]

7. Traveller site delivery projections as expressed in Policy PLP 12 [Matter 5k]
8. Traveller site allocation methodology [Matter 5l]  
*(note, this will cover the Council's general approach to site selection. Specific site allocations will be considered at the Stage 4 hearings scheduled for early 2018)*
9. Housing mix in terms of size, type and tenure (Policy PLP11) [Matters 5n and 5o]
  - How would the approach differ between large and small schemes?
  - Deliverability on smaller schemes
  - Source of latest evidence
10. Design and adaptation of homes (Policy PLP11) [Matter 5p]
  - Requiring or encouraging?
  - Details of measures in the Plan
11. Other issues under Matter 5 [including Matter 5q]

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**AGENDA – DAY 6**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10.00**  
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MATTER 6 – EMPLOYMENT NEEDS AND DELIVERY  
MATTER 7 – RETAIL NEEDS AND DELIVERY

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**MATTER 6 – EMPLOYMENT NEEDS AND DELIVERY**

***Does the Plan set out a positively prepared strategy for the delivery of employment development and jobs, which is justified, effective and consistent with national policy?***

1. Employment land supply and requirements [Matters 6a, 6b, 6c and 6g]
  - Justification for delivery of 264 hectares
  - Exceptional circumstances for Green Belt releases
  - Links between employment land and housing requirements
  - Approach to calculating employment land requirements
2. Is the Council's approach to the retention/loss of employment sites robust and justified? [Matters 6i, 6j, 6k and 6l]
  - Priority Employment Area (PEA) Study
  - Strategy for loss/retention
3. Other employment issues [including Matters 6d, 6e and 6f]

**MATTER 7 – RETAIL NEEDS AND DELIVERY**

***Does the Plan set out a positively prepared strategy for the delivery of retail development, which is justified, effective and consistent with national policy?***

4. Strategy for delivering retail growth and floorspace requirements [Matters 7a, 7b, 7c and 7f]
5. Other retail issues

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**AGENDA – DAY 7**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 9.00**  
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MATTER 8 – APPROACH TO SITE ALLOCATIONS AND GREEN BELT RELEASE

This all-day session is due to start at 9am. Please be aware that this session could run into the early evening due to the large number of participants.

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**MATTER 8 - APPROACH TO SITE ALLOCATIONS AND GREEN BELT RELEASE**

***Is the Plan's approach to identifying site allocations (housing, employment and mixed use), safeguarded land and Green Belt releases soundly based and in line with national policy?***

1. Do exceptional circumstances exist which justify the release of Green Belt land to accommodate the proposed scale of housing and employment development?  
[Matters 8a, 8b, 8c, 8f and 8g]
  - Overview of non-Green Belt capacity work (including the Council's assessment of Urban Green Spaces and Provisional Open Land<sup>1</sup>, and the approach to safeguarded land)
  - Scale of housing and employment growth that cannot be accommodated in urban/non-Green Belt areas
  - Extent of safeguarded land
2. Approach to assessing potential sites in the Green Belt [Matter 8d]
3. Other changes to Green Belt boundaries [Matter 8e]
4. Evidence on site availability
5. Other issues under Matter 8

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<sup>1</sup> POL, as identified in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (1999)