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Sent: 08 February 2017 12:17
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Subject: RE: Kirklees Local Plan - site option ME1965a

Thank you for your email concerning site reference ME1965a.

I can confirm that we have no site specific comments in relation to this site, although as you have mentioned, we have made general comments which should be applied to all allocations where relevant.

We are aware that the site is crossed by two watercourses – these are classified as ‘ordinary watercourses’ at this location. Our general comments include the recommendation that for any watercourse designated as ordinary, an 8 metre wide strip of land should be left clear, adjacent the watercourse. There should be no structures, fences or trees in this area to allow access, essential maintenance and future watercourse improvements to take place. The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) is the consenting body for works to ordinary watercourses and any views they have on the potential for development to impact on these waterbodies should be taken into consideration.

Having said that, we do note that the text associated with this allocation doesn’t make reference to the watercourses on the site (constraints section). Adding these to the policy text could add clarity as could a reference to the need for a surface water management plan/flood risk assessment and an assessment of the impacts of the development on the water environment might make more clear to any subsequent developer the range of issues that would be expected to be covered at planning application stage and may go some way to addressing concerns that have been raised about these issues. We appreciate however that any application would have to demonstrate compliance with policies PLP27, 28, 29 and 34. As mentioned above, you should also take advice from the LLFA.

I hope this clarifies our views on this allocation, please get back in touch if you would find it beneficial to discuss this in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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From:
Sent: 07 February 2017 09:40
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Subject: Kirklees Local Plan - site option ME1965a

Importance: High

Dear

As you are probably aware, Kirklees Council has recently consulted on the publication draft of the Local Plan. Following this exercise it has been noted that site option ME1965a – proposed allocation for minerals extraction – has received a high number of responses and in particular reference has been made to the two watercourse crossing the site. It has been noted that when the EA were previously consulted on this site option no comment was made and therefore it has been assumed the EA had no concerns in relation to this site – with the exception of the standard EA advice for the need of buffers.

Given the recent level of objections I just wanted to double-check with you that the EA were entirely happy that there are no concerns in relation to the proposed mineral workings and its potential impact upon the two watercourse – the River Dearne and the Park Dike. I have attached a plan so you can see the allocation and the two watercourse affected.

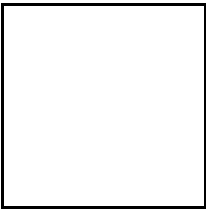
I would be grateful if you could either reaffirm the EA’s position or provide an updated response if you feel there is a need to raise some concern in relation to this site. I would be appreciated if you could respond to me by early next week.

Kind Regards,

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