

KIRKLEES LOCAL PLAN
STAGE 1 HEARING

AGENDA – DAY 1

Tuesday 10th 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 growth¹ 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 growth² 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]

¹ 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.

² 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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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 12th and Friday 13th 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 13th October 2017 at 10am (if necessary)