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Consultee ID: 943892

Matter 1

KIRKLEES LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Matter 1: Legal and procedural matters

1. The following hearing statement is made for and on behalf of the Home Builders Federation. This statement responds to selected questions set out within Matter 1 of the Inspector's *Matters* and *Issues*.
2. The Inspector's Issues and Questions are included in bold for ease of reference. The following responses should be read in conjunction with our comments upon the submission version of the Kirklees Local Plan, dated 16th December 2016. The HBF has also expressed a desire to attend and participate in Matter 1 of the examination hearing sessions.

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

a) Has the Council submitted robust evidence to demonstrate that they have met the duty to cooperate? Are there any outstanding strategic matters?

3. The HBF has no further comments to make in this regard. I refer the Inspector to our previous comments upon the submission version of the plan.

b to f)

4. The HBF has no further comments.

g) Does the Plan take sufficient account of long term requirements bearing in mind the guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that it should preferably cover a 15 year time period?

5. The plan, upon adoption, will provide a maximum 13 year time horizon. The NPPF, paragraph 157, specifically refers to a 15 year time horizon to take account of longer-term requirements. This is aimed to provide long-term certainty for both developers and residents alike. The HBF does, however, acknowledge that this is a preference rather than a requirement of the NPPF.

Yours sincerely,

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