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**SITE H49a: MATTER ONE**  
MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS  
4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

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1.0 **Introduction**

- 1.1 George F. White (Planning and Development) are instructed by Mr John Lund ('the Site Owner'), Site H49a (Land adjacent Brick Hill Farm, Oddfellows Street, Scholes, Cleckheaton) to submit representations to the Kirklees Local Plan; Stage 1 Matters, Issues and Questions, 10 July 2017.
- 1.2 The publication of the plan and the need to accommodate the new homes and jobs, within Kirklees up to 2031, is strongly supported.
- 1.3 In responding to the Matters, Issues and Questions Document, we have considered each of the questions and make representations only to those considered relevant at this time. We would also like to rely on the submissions to date, which for ease of reference has been appended to this submission.
- 1.4 We welcome the opportunity for further engagement and the opportunity to appear at the Examination in Public.
- 1.5 We trust that you will confirm that these representations are duly made and will give due consideration to these comments.
- 1.6 Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any issues raised in this Representation further.

2.0 **Matter 1 – Legal and procedural matters**

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

### 3.0 Questions

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

**b) Has the Plan's formulation been based on a sound process of sustainability appraisal?**

**c) Are the likely effects of the Plan adequately and accurately assessed in the Habitat Regulations Assessment (March 2017) (SD10)? Are there any outstanding issues from Natural England?**

**d) Has consultation on the Plan been undertaken in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SD16) and statutory requirements?**

3.1 Yes. It is our opinion that the consultation of the Plan been undertaken in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SD16) and the Governments statutory requirements.

3.2 It is our belief that we have remained well informed throughout the process and that the Council have sought to address the concerns raised. These have been well published on the Councils website.

**e) How will the proposed Area Action Plans (AAPs) for central Huddersfield and Dewsbury fit alongside the Local Plan and complement it? Are the role of the AAPs and the development plan for Kirklees clearly expressed in the Local Plan?**

**f) Is Plan preparation in line with the Council's latest Local Development Scheme?**

**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?**

3.3 Yes. However, it is our opinion that given that the plan has been submitted prior to the release of the standardised OAHN, a review of the plan should be done early on in its adoption to ensure that it is still relevant and addressing the needs of Kirklees.

#### 4.0 **Conclusion**

4.1 Whilst the Local Plan will be examined by the Inspector, who will conclude whether the plan has been prepared with the Duty to Cooperate, meets legal and procedural requirements and is ultimately sound. We are satisfied that the Plan the Inspector is being asked to consider is positively prepared and justified, effective and consistent.

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