

Kirklees Local Plan Examination

Stage 3

Hearing Statement Submitted

By

Save Mirfield

Matter 15- Infrastructure delivery

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### **Issue -Does the plan set out a robust framework for infrastructure delivery which is justified, effective and consistent with national policy?**

Save Mirfield has already submitted representations in relation to this issue and trusts that the Inspector has read these representations and will take them into consideration. However, Save Mirfield wishes to make the following additional comments in relation to the Questions raised by the Inspector. Save Mirfield also wishes to speak at the hearing in relation to Matter 15.

#### Matter 15

##### Question (a)

Save Mirfield thinks that in terms of providing a thorough assessment of needs and costs, and reflecting the levels of growth proposed in the local plan, both the IDP (2015) and the Addendum (2016) fail in this regard.

For example, the Dewsbury Riverside Strategic Route (DRSR) is not referred to in the draft Plan or the ID reports so perhaps the Council's thinking is evolving? If this is the case, how is it possible for the Inspector or the general public to consider the suitability of the overall strategy?

##### Question (d)

Save Mirfield does not believe that the plan clearly identifies essential infrastructure needed to deliver development. What information is available is lacking detail and therefore cannot properly be assessed. For example, improvements to the A644 westbound to mitigate the effects of the strategic site known as the Dewsbury Riverside Development (H2089), are identified as needed but there are no details about things such as what third party land might be needed to do so nor how it would be obtained and paid for. We are not convinced that, without third party land, any improvements on this already very congested route would be minimal and would not help to mitigate the effects of such a large development on the local highways network.

The DRSR appears to be little more than a site access road with very little strategic value