

Kirklees Local Plan Examination Hearing Statement

Matter 20: Design and Climate Change Policies

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This Hearing Statement is made for and on behalf of Persimmon Homes West Yorkshire (PHWY) and responds to the questions set by the Inspector out under Matter 20: Design and Climate Change Policies which is to be heard during the Stage 3 hearing session.
- 1.2 This Hearing Statement should be read in conjunction with the representations submitted on behalf of PHWY by Lichfields during the Local Plan Consultation (2016) ref: 50579/JG/AJk and the Hearing Statements that were submitted by Lichfields on behalf of PHWY prior to Stage 1 of the Local Plan Examination which took place between 10/10/2017 and 18/10/2017.
- 1.3 The relevant matters and Inspector's Issues and Questions are included in bold for ease of reference. Please note that PHWY do not consider it necessary to attend and participate during the Hearing Sessions, but can be available if required.

2.0 Issue – Does the Plan set out positively prepared policies for securing high quality design and dealing with climate change, which are justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

Question (a): Does the Plan make sufficient provision for inclusive design and accessible environments in accordance with paragraphs 57, 58, 61 and 69 of the NPPF?

2.1 No comment

Question (b): Are the sustainability requirements under criteria d (iii) and d (iv) on Policy PLP 24 justified and deliverable?

2.2 Criteria d (iii) refers to the use of innovative materials, including reclaimed and recycled materials. Criteria d (iv) refers to the requirement to minimise resource use by orientating buildings to utilise passive solar design and incorporating vegetation and tree planting.

2.3 Whilst PHWY supports the principle of these initiatives, with reference to the representations submitted by Lichfields during the Local Plan Consultation (2016) it is considered that these aspects of Policy PLP 24 should not be applied rigidly, particularly where this could have a significant impact on the viability of a scheme. It is also considered that design policies should be worded and interpreted carefully to avoid replication of matters controlled through Building Regulations.

Question (c): Should Policy PLP 26 refer to cumulative landscape and visual impacts as referenced in paragraph 97 of the NPPF?

2.4 No comment

Question (d): Is the approach to wind turbine development justified?

2.5 No comment

Question (e): Is the sequential approach to flood risk, as set out in Policy PLP 27, justified and in line with national guidance in the NPPG?

2.6 No comment

Question (f): Is the target of 30% reduction in surface water run-off, as set out in criterion c in Policy PLP 28, justified and deliverable?



2.7 No comment