

# Kirklees Local Plan Examination Hearing Statement

## Matter 23: Environmental Protection 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 23: Environmental Protection 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 environmental protection, which are justified, effective and consistent with national policy?**

**Question (a): Do sections 1 and 2 in Policy PLP 51 provide a clear and effective framework for addressing air quality issues arising from new development schemes? How will ‘unacceptable’ and ‘nuisance’ be measured? When and from what types of scheme will air quality assessments be sought?**

- 2.1 This question is in three parts, PHWY do not wish to comment on parts 1 and 2, however in response to part 3 it is considered that Air Quality Assessments should only be sought on sites that are within or adjacent to Air Quality Management Areas, in line with National Planning Policy Guidance.

**Question (b): What are the implications arising from the Air Quality Directive? Should the Directive be referenced in Policy PLP 51 and/pr the supporting text?**

- 2.2 No comment