

**Stage 3 Hearing Statement – Upper Dearne Valley Environmental Trust**  
**Matter 23 - Environmental protection policies**

***Issue - Does the Plan set out positively prepared policies for environmental protection, which are justified, effective and consistent with national policy?***

**[Policies PLP 51 – 53]**

- 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 effects' and 'nuisance' be measured? When and from what types of scheme will air quality assessments be sought?

*We don't believe the Council is taking its responsibilities for reducing air pollution seriously enough. Developments which are assessed as having the potential to increase local air pollution above recommended national levels should not be allowed. What happens if monitoring reveals cumulative air pollution above nationally acceptable levels? This does not appear to be stated.*

*Regarding Air Quality Assessments, we would again like to see these being independently commissioned by the Council and embodied in the policy.*

- b) What are the implications arising from the Air Quality Directive? Should the Directive be referenced in Policy PLP 51 and/or the supporting text?

*We would support cross referencing to the Air Quality Directive within the policy.*