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PRIOR TO ANY GENERAL PUBLICATION**

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(On behalf of:

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Kirklees Local Plan – Stage 1 Initial Hearings

MIQ3 - Key Points for Consideration

Matter 3 – Overall housing need

Issue – Is the identified objectively assessed need of 31,140 dwellings soundly based and supported by robust and credible evidence?

Challenges & Objections:

- It is not clear what the true housing need in the Kirklees area is.
- There is no reference to volume of available/vacant housing stock currently in existence, which would be a good indicator of the scale of any supply v demand issues.
- There has been no adjustment to the plans or targets post Brexit.

Minimum expectations:

- An urgent review of true housing needs must be undertaken, taking into account existing available housing stock and the clear demand/demographic adjustments post Brexit.
- This review and re-plan must be undertaken prior to any Local Plan agreement, to avoid potentially damaging and unnecessary building and irreversible Green Belt destruction.

Regards

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(On behalf of Fixby Residents Organisation)