

KIRKLEES LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
STAGE FOUR HEARINGS

HEARING STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY
SPEN VALLEY CIVIC SOCIETY



Re: MATTER 37: BATLEY AND SPEN HOUSING ALLOCATIONS
- GREEN BELT RELEASES

Site reference H508
Land west of Whitechapel Road Cleckheaton

Date of Submission: 21st January 2018

Issue: *Are the proposed Green Belt release housing allocations in the Batley and Spen sub-area justified; effective; developable; deliverable; and consistent with national policy?*

Response:

1. In general, Spen Valley Civic Society (SVCS) has concerns about the develop-ability of this allocation at site 508, due to its location immediately adjacent to the M62. Nowhere else on this exceptionally busy section of the M62 does housing development come right up to the motorway banking. Noise and air pollution levels will be dangerously high. The area should remain as green belt and be planted up with trees to assist in reducing noise and absorbing air pollutants at the north west edge of Cleckheaton.
2. With reference to the specific issue raised by the Inspector, in respect of the impact of the proposal on heritage assets, we note that Historic England advise that this site should be removed from the allocation.