

**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 H2537**  
**Land adjacent to Halifax Road Hightown**

Date of Submission: 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Spen Valley Civic Society (SVCS) does not think that mitigation measures are required to the northern section of H2537. This small area of green belt is mainly brownfield in the sense that it has been used for many years as a car park on rough ground, for the adjacent restaurant. The remainder is untended scrub.
2. However, there is a PROW (113) along the northern boundary, which forms part of the Luddite Trail. Mitigation measures will be needed to ensure this footpath remains open and accessible after housing is developed.