



Kirklees Local Plan Examination

Stage 1 – Initial Hearings

Hearing Statement

**Submitted on behalf of Save
Mirfield**

**Matter 4 - Housing land supply
and delivery**

September 2017

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Issue – Is the identified overall housing requirement in the Plan (31,140 dwellings) justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy?

1. Save Mirfield have already submitted representations in relation to this issue and trust that the Inspector has these representations and will take them in to consideration. However, Save Mirfield wish to make the following additional comments in relation to the specific Questions raised by the Inspector. Save Mirfield also may wish to speak at the hearing in relation to Matter 4, dependant on what the Council respond in relation to this matter.
2. Matter 4 – question (b)
 - 2.1 Save Mirfield do not consider that the identified housing needs are based on objectively assessed development requirements. They are based on purely theoretical projections and interpretations which are not reliable.
 - 2.2 The housing target set out within the draft Local Plan represents a 500% increase on actual completion rates in Kirklees since 2013 and Save Mirfield do not believe that it is deliverable.
 - 2.3 Save Mirfield certainly do not believe that the housing requirement should be expressed as a minimum as it is totally unrealistic and undeliverable.