



Kirklees Local Plan Examination Stage 1 – Initial Hearings

Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This statement has been prepared by WYG on behalf of the Church Commissioners for England (herein referred to as "our client") who have an interest at Leeds Road, Chidswell. By way of reference, our client's land is referred to as *Land East of 932-1110 Leeds Road, Shawcross/Woodkirk, Dewsbury* (Draft Allocation Reference MX1905).
- 1.2 Our client's site has been identified to deliver 1,535 dwellings, and 122,500sqm of employment development during the Plan period. They are therefore very keen to engage and assist in the preparation of a sound Local Plan which is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent.
- 1.3 This response seeks to address the key issues to be discussed at the forthcoming Kirklees Local Plan Examination Stage 1- Matter 7 – Retail needs and delivery.
- 1.4 The response is structured such that it follows the questions posed in the Matters and Issues agenda and should be read in conjunction with the representations by WYG on behalf of our client to the Publication Draft Local Plan in December 2016.

2.0 MATTER 7 - RETAIL NEEDS AND DELIVERY

Issue - Does the Plan set out a positively prepared strategy for the delivery of retail development, which is justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

Policy PLP 13 (section A only), 17, 18

Questions

e) Is the list of defined centres and their role and function, as set out in Policy PLP 13 (section A), appropriately framed and justified? Is the hierarchy consistent with the role of Huddersfield and Dewsbury as outlined in Policies PLP 17 and 18?

- 2.1 We agree with the defined centres and their role and function, save for the following changes which were proposed in our representations to the Publication Draft Local Plan – Strategies and Policies DPD in December 2016:
- To avoid ambiguity and allowing for the planned growth set out in the Local Plan it would be reasonable to include an additional tier "5", named "Potential New Local Centres", named "Chidswell (MX1905)" as the defined centre.
 - It is also recommended to rename number 4 as "Existing Local Centres" to reflect the position on the adoption of the Local Plan.
- f) What additional Local Centres are anticipated to be delivered over the Plan period?**
- 2.2 An additional Local Centre is anticipated to be delivered at Chidswell over the Plan period. We have therefore recommended changes to PLP13 to allow for this planned growth.