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Dear Sir / Madam,

## **KIRKLEES LOCAL PLAN: MAIN MODIFICATIONS**

Thank you for consulting with the Home Builders Federation on the Kirklees Local Plan.

The HBF is the principal representative body of the house-building industry in England and Wales. Our representations reflect the views of our membership, which includes multi-national PLC's, regional developers and small, local builders. In any one year, our members account for over 80% of all new "for sale" market housing built in England and Wales as well as a large proportion of newly built affordable housing.

The HBF are pleased to see that the Council are now close to the completion of their Local Plan and we would like to submit the following representations in response to the Council's proposed main modifications.

### **Strategy and Policies – Main Modifications**

#### **SD1-MM6: Spatial development strategy box**

The HBF considers that the proposed modifications are sound, and they are an improvement on the previous text, particularly in relation to the minimum number of new dwellings.

#### **SD1-MM44: Policy PLP11**

The HBF considers that the modification in relation to housing mix is sound, and it is an improvement on the previous text.

#### **SD1-MM76: Policy PLP24**

The HBF considers that the modification is sound, and the addition of '*to a degree proportionate to the proposal*' is an improvement on the previous text.

#### **SD1-MM77: Policy PLP 24**

The HBF considers that the modification to Policy PLP24 is sound, and it is an improvement on the previous text.

**SD1-MM78: Policy PLP 24**

The HBF considers that the modification to Policy PLP24 is sound, and it is an improvement on the previous text.

**SD1-MM79: Policy PLP 24**

The HBF does not consider that this proposed modification is sound. This modification changes the emphasis of the policy and does not add to the clarity of the policy. The HBF consider that the original text was more appropriate.

**SD1-MM139: Glossary – Affordable Housing**

The HBF considers that the modification to the glossary definition of affordable housing is appropriate.

**Future Engagement**

I trust that the Council will find these comments useful as it continues to progress its Local Plan. I would be happy to discuss these issues in greater detail or assist in facilitating discussions with the wider house building industry.

The HBF would like to be kept informed of the progress of this document. Please use the contact details provided below for future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



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