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Dear Sir / Madam,

BARNSELEY LOCAL PLAN: SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS

Thank you for consulting with the Home Builders Federation on the Barnsley Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications consultation.

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.

MAIN 31: Policy H1

The HBF consider that 1,134 dwellings each year is an improvement on the previous figure, however, it is still considered that this figure is suppressed by some of the assumptions made in the evidence as set out in our previous responses.

MAIN76: Policy H6

The HBF support the amendments to this policy particularly the removal of priority being given to the use of PDL.

MAIN 77: Policy H7

The HBF support the amendments to Policy H7 to recognising that lower densities may be more appropriate in villages or due to character, appearance, need, viability or sustainable design reasons.

MM 165: Justification to Policy H8

The HBF support the addition of text in relation to the potential to include market housing to make affordable housing viable on rural exception sites.

MAIN 117: Policy CC1

The HBF support the amendment to the policy to remove the requirements that went beyond the Building Regulations and required the inclusion of renewable or low carbon technologies. The HBF consider that new wording in relation to promotion and support is more appropriate.

The HBF continue to have concerns in relation to the preference being given to the development of previously developed land, and would suggest that this could be amended to support or promote the development of previously developed land, or that this bullet should be extended to include sustainable sites.

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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