

To all Members of the Planning Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** to be held at **HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH HD9 3AS** on **MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2022** at **730pm** to transact the following business: -

- AGENDA – (A)

Welcome

Open Session at Planning

7.30 pm

At the commencement of the meeting, there will be an open session lasting up to 15 minutes, for members of the public to address Members of the Committee in connection with planning applications to be considered at the meeting. This session allows both applicants and objectors to address Members. Any other information relating to items on the agenda will be considered as part of the agenda item.

Issues/concerns/information not related to any item on the agenda will be considered at a later date or referred to the appropriate body.

2122 181 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014 7.45 pm

As Local (Parish and Town) Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman to check if any members of the public wish to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities can be provided. The meeting is already being recorded by the Officer for public broadcast via the Holme Valley Parish Council YouTube channel.

2122 182 To accept apologies for absence 7.46 pm

2122 183 To receive Members’ and Officers’ personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda 7.47 pm

2122 184 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations 7.48 pm

2122 185 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session 7.49 pm

- Any recording to be halted during such items and members of the public asked to leave the meeting.

2122 186 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting 7.50 pm

- Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10 January 2022, numbered 2122 153 – 2122 180 inclusive **(B)**

2122 187 Completed Kirklees Planning Applications List 7.51 pm

- To note List 2021/09 updated with the views of the Committee. This includes a re-iterated comment on the 3, Marsh Gardens, Honley application. **(C)**

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- 2122 188 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council 7.52 pm**
- To consider new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 4 January 2022 to 1 February 2022 inclusive – List 2122/10 enclosed **(D)**
- 2122 189 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers’ Decisions 8.20 pm**
- To note list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 4 January 2022 to 1 February 2022 inclusive **(E)**
- 2122 190 Neighbourhood Planning 8.21 pm**
- To note, the Parish Council has received three hardcopies of the “made” Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan that can be accessed/loaned by Councillors or members of the public.
 - To consider, the option of supplying hard copies of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to all Councillors.
 - To receive any report on the onward implementation of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan, - if required.
 - To consider how to integrate ongoing learning opportunities on the policies from the Neighbourhood Plan into the agendas of this Committee.
- 2122 191 Peak District National Park Authority 8.25 pm**
- a. To note the government has published its [Landscapes Review – National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty](#) the government’s response to the Glover report **(F)**
- 2122 192 Ongoing Highways campaigns 8.26 pm**
- a. **Concerns of local residents regarding speeding and noise pollution Woodhead Road Holmbridge to Holme**
 - Following repeated requests for updates on this campaign, the Deputy Clerk 31/01/2022 wrote a formal letter to Mark Scarr who is now the interim Service Direct Highways and Streetscene copied to Colin Parr, Strategic Director Environment and Climate Change, about the very poor communication on this issue going back some months. **(G)** No response had been received at the time of this agenda being sent. Deputy Clerk to report.
 - To consider any further actions on this issue.

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b. Campaign for a Safer Magdale

- At the previous meeting of this Committee, the Deputy Clerk reported on the poor communication from Kirklees Highways on this ongoing issue and campaign. Mark Scarr had since replied saying, "Apologies for the delay in responding. The highway Safety have been inundated with road safety enquiries of late. I will ask them if they can look at your enquiry as a matter of urgency." No communication had been received on this issue at the time of the agenda going out. As above, the Deputy Clerk 31/01/2022 wrote a formal letter to Mark Scarr who is now the interim Service Direct Highways and Streetscene copied to Colin Parr, Strategic Director Environment and Climate Change, about the very poor communication on this issue. **(G)** No response had been received at the time of this agenda being sent. Deputy Clerk to report.
- To consider any further actions on this issue.

c. Hade Edge Road Intersection

To note, the Committee Chair has been in contact with local residents and with Kirklees Highways about this campaign. The Hade Edge campaigners did not want a "soft option," staged approach to developments at the Boshaw Trout road junction as proposed by Kirklees Highways and supported by the Parish Council. Without the support of Hade Edge people and little support from Holme Valley South Kirklees Councillors, this approach looks to have stalled. Cllr Blacka made Kirklees Highways aware of this. Kirklees Highways has since revisited the plan and contacted the three Holme Valley South Councillors and says they will keep the Parish Council apprised of developments as they happen.

d. Burnlee Road Closure

- To note, the letter of 17th January 2022 from Farhad Khatibi/Ben Wright from the Structures team at Kirklees Highways regarding the longstanding closure of Burnlee Road. **(H)**
- To consider any further actions on this issue.

2122 193 Ramsden Road

8.40 pm

- To note, 21st January 2022 the Deputy Clerk formally requested an update from Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services at Kirklees Council overseeing open spaces, on the progress of the Public Space Protection Order on the lanes and byways around Ramsden, Brownhill, Riding Wood and Yateholme reservoirs with a timescale for completion. No response had been received at the time of this agenda being sent. Deputy Clerk to report. **(I)**
- To consider any further actions on this issue.

2122 194 Feedback from Training

8.45 pm

The Committee Chair recently attended webinar training on Broadening Your Planning Knowledge. Chair to report.

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2122 195 Footpath 6-month TTRO Closure Honley 8.50 pm

- To note, a Councillor's objection to the length of time of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to Public Right of Way HOL 31/40, Honley. **(J)**
- To consider, whether to support this objection.

2122 196 Wolfstones Footpath 60 8.55 pm

- To note, the public inquiry into the diversion of Holmfirth Footpath 60 at Wolfstones reopens on 28th January 2022. At some point thereafter a decision will be made by the Inspector.

2122 197 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council 8.56 pm

- To consider, recent events or news that this Committee wishes to publicise via the press, Parish Council website or social media.

Close **9 pm**

Please note that timings on the agenda are given for guidance of the Chairman and Committee only and should not be taken as the time at which discussion of a particular item will commence.

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN HOLMFIRTH CIVIC HALL MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Blacka

Councillors: P Colling, T Dixon, R Hogley, S Sheard, A Wilson

Officer: Mr R McGill (Deputy Clerk)

Welcome

Cllr Blacka welcomed Councillors and six members of the public to this meeting of the Planning Standing Committee.

Open Session at Planning

One member of the public was in attendance to ask the Parish Council to revise its comment on a planning application in Scholes.

One member of the public was in attendance to ask the Parish Council to reiterate its opposition to a planning application in Honley.

Four members of the public were in attendance regarding their opposition to a planning application in Wooldale, of whom three addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved that the agenda items concerned with these representations would be moved up the order. Thus:

- Item 2122 168 “Further Communications on 3, Mount Scar View” would be brought forward to after 2122 158.
- Item 2122 167 “Further Communications about a planning application at 3, Marsh Gardens” would be brought forward to immediately follow that item.
- The review of planning application 2122 09 26 - Land adjacent to Cranborne would be undertaken as the first consideration of Item 2122 160.

2122 153 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014

Council meetings can now be recorded.

RESOLVED: The Officer was recording the meeting in video format for upload to the Parish Council’s YouTube channel. No other people present wanted to record the meeting.

2122 154 To approve apologies for absence

Cllr RP Dixon had tendered his apology.

RESOLVED: The reason for his apology was approved by the Committee.

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2122 155 To receive Members' and Officers' disclosable personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

The Officer declared a personal interest in item 2122 160 Application 2122/09/14.

2122 156 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

No written requests for new DPI dispensations had been received.

2122 157 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

RESOLVED: Members decided that no items on the agenda should be discussed in private.

2122 158 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29 November 2021, numbered 2122 135 – 2122 152 inclusive were approved.

At this point, the agenda items pertaining to representations from members of the public were moved up the agenda.

2122 168 Further communications on 3, Mount Scar View

- **NOTED:** Members noted the Parish Council's revised comment 7th December 2021 of "No observation" on this application. This superseded an earlier comment of "Support."

The applicant had since submitted a revised Supporting Statement to the application. Committee Members received this document from the Chair 18th December 2021. The Chair asked Members to further review the application in the context of the new Statement and the testimony of the applicant in the public session.

Standing orders were suspended to allow the applicant to speak on this item.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council would retain its neutral comment of "No observation" on this application

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2122 167 Further communications about a planning application at 3, Marsh Gardens

- This application had been reviewed by the Parish Council at the last Planning meeting regarding "Removal/ Variation conditions 11 (solar panels) and 12 (bicycle storage) on previous permission 2019/93445 for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 3 dwellings with gardens and parking" The Parish Council's comment was "Oppose. Both conditions should stand."
The Parish Council has since received further communications from a resident regarding the ongoing application and he had commented in the Open Session. Standing orders were suspended to allow the petitioner to speak on this item.
RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would reiterate its comments to Kirklees in opposition to the application and that both conditions should stand.
- At this point, the two members of the public making representations about these two items left the meeting.

2122 159 Completed Planning Applications Lists

NOTED: The Planning Committee noted List 2021/08 updated with the views of the Committee

2122 160 New Planning Applications – Kirklees Council

Members considered new or amended applications received by Kirklees Council from 23 November 2021 to 4 January 2022 inclusive – List 2122/09. Application number 2122 09 26 - Land adjacent to Cranborne was considered first. The four members of the public who made representation about that application, left after it was reviewed.

RESOLVED: That the Standing Committee's comments on the above applications be forwarded to Kirklees Council by the Deputy Clerk.

2122 161 Kirklees Council – Planning Officers' Decisions

NOTED: The Planning Standing Committee noted the list of Decision Notices issued by Kirklees Council for the period 23 November 2021 to 4 January 2022 inclusive

2122 162 Neighbourhood Planning

- **NOTED:** Members noted the "Notification of Kirklees Council Decision on the making (bringing into force) of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (Made Plan) December 2021: The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the statutory development plan alongside the Kirklees Local Plan (2019) and will be used in the determination of planning applications in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Area. Within the Peak District National Park, the Plan will be used alongside the Peak District National Park Authority Core Strategy (2011) and Development Management Policies Document (2019) (Local Plan Part 2)."

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- Cllr Hogley gave a brief report of developments after the Neighbourhood Plan was “made” and made a request of the Deputy Clerk.
RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would contact Kirklees Council to ask for several copies of the final, made Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan to be delivered to the Parish Council.
- **NOTED:** The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had drafted formal letters of thanks to the community members of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who had committed so much to the development and final success of the Neighbourhood Plan for the Committee Chair to sign. The Committee Chair signed the letters at the meeting, and they will duly be posted out.

2122 163 Peak District National Park Authority

- **NOTED:** Members noted Peak District National Park Authority Planning List 2122/02PD updated with the comments of the Committee.

2122 164 Ongoing Highways campaigns

a. Concerns of local residents regarding speeding and noise pollution Woodhead Road Holmbridge to Holme

NOTED: The Committee noted that the Deputy Clerk had written to Phillip Waddington Group Engineer, Highway Safety 23rd November 2021 requesting an update. No response was received to this request for information. They further noted the repeat email from the Deputy Clerk to Phillip Waddington 5th January 2022 asking for an update. The Deputy Clerk reported that no response had been received in the meantime. The Chair thanked the Deputy Clerk for his communications to Mark Waddington and others.

Members considered any further action.

RESOLVED: The Chair of the Committee would draft a letter to Mark Scarr, Kirklees Head of Highways, copied to his line manager, acknowledging the working difficulties for Kirklees staff caused by the pandemic, but highlighting the longstanding and repeated lack of response from Kirklees Officers and Managers to requests for updates and information on highways campaigns the Parish Council is supporting, and expressing disappointment we are not receiving prompt replies advising of when we will receive substantive replies.

b. Hade Edge Road Intersection

NOTED: The Committee Chair reported that she had been in contact with one of the key members of the Hade Edge Residents Group and was awaiting a response from her.

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c. Campaign for a Safer Magdale

NOTED: Members noted that the Deputy Clerk had originally written to Mark Scarr, Head of Highways, 27th October 2021 about the Safer Magdale campaign. Receiving no reply, the Deputy Clerk had written again to Mark Scarr 22nd November 2021. Mark Scarr said then he had “forwarded your email to the Highway Safety team for their consideration. We are currently dealing with high volumes of enquiries, so it may be that they have not been able to fully research this issue, as of yet. I will forward your email trail below and ask them to advise by what date they will be able to provide HVPC with an update.” The Deputy Clerk reported that six weeks later there had been no follow-up email reply from Mark Scarr or from Highways Safety. The Deputy Clerk further emailed Mark Scarr 5th January 2022 requesting feedback or at least, as promised, a date by which we would receive an update. Mark Scarr then replied saying, “Apologies for the delay in responding. The highway Safety have been inundated with road safety enquiries of late. I will ask them if they can look at your enquiry as a matter of urgency.” There had been no response from Highways Safety since that date.

Members considered any further action.

RESOLVED: The issue of poor communication from Highways Safety would be addressed in the letter to Mark Scarr as described above.

2122 165 Burnlee Road Closure

NOTED: Members noted the Deputy Clerk’s letter to Mark Scarr of 9th December 2021 asking for a review of the longstanding road closure at the junction of Burnlee Road and Woodhead Road and the way the process was being managed by Highways. Mark Scarr reported that he had forwarded the letter to the Structures Team Manager and asked that we be provided an update. An update had not been forthcoming since then. The Deputy Clerk had again written to Mark Scarr 5th January 2022 to push the Structures Team Manager for the promised update and Mark Scarr had replied that he had chased the Structures Team up for a response. Nothing was heard in the meantime.

RESOLVED: The issue of poor communication from the Structures Team Manager would be addressed in the letter to Mark Scarr as described above.

2122 166 Ramsden Road

- Cllr Wilson reported on the history of the issues of anti-social behaviour and illegal off-roading on the byways and lanes around Ramsden, Brownhill, Riding Wood and Yateholme reservoirs, and his frustration with Kirklees Council’s involvements. He asked the Committee to consider formally requesting an update on the progress of the Public Space Protection Order on these byways and lanes, together with a timescale for its completion.
- **RESOLVED:** Cllr Wilson would draft a letter for the Deputy Clerk to forward this request to Kirklees Council.

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2122 169 Resignation of a Committee Member

- **NOTED:** Members noted Cllr Gould's resignation from the Planning Committee with immediate effect from 17th December 2021.
Members considered electing a Committee Member who would be the designated person to review planning applications of the Wooldale ward on behalf of the Parish Council.
RESOLVED: Cllr Wilson would review the planning applications from Wooldale ward.
RESOLVED: The Deputy Clerk would ensure that all ward Councillors would be directed to the planning applications lists ahead of Planning Committee meetings for their comments.

2122 170 Publicising the work of Holme Valley Parish Council

- **RESOLVED:** The Deputy Clerk would work with Members to add new information about the Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Parish Council website and to update the main Planning webpage reinforcing how the Neighbourhood Plan will impact on planning matters.

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Chairman

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Planning applications lodged with Kirklees from **23 11 2021** to **04 01 2021** - **List 2122-09**. The following applications will be considered by Holme Valley Parish Council ahead of the Planning Committee meeting **10/01/2022**. Where appropriate, recommendations will be made to Kirklees Planning Services regarding whether or not they should be approved, but the final decisions will be taken by Kirklees Planning Services.

Local residents can email deputyclerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk to submit their views on applications or, better still, attend the meeting in person. Contact the deputy clerk if you want to attend.

Full details regarding deadline dates for comments and how to submit a comment can be obtained from the Kirklees' website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/planning

We have reports that the links to Planning Applications below may not work on some iOS devices. This is an iOS issue. If the links to the applications do not work, go to the [Kirklees Planning Portal](#) and search for applications there.

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/26
Application No:	2021/62/94569/W
Location:	adj, Cranborne, Clifton Avenue, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1AL
Ward/Councillors:	Wooldale – JB PDv DG
Proposed Development:	Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of three detached dwellings
OS Map Ref:	SE 414814.3733408900.9533
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94569
HVPC Comment:	<p>The Parish Council supports development of this site in principle, but opposes the current application on the basis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over-intensification of the site • Potential overlooking and loss of light • Drainage issues, with regard to which, irrespective of the number of houses in this scheme, Kirklees Planning Officers should consult with Yorkshire Water on whether and how the development may exacerbate existing drainage issues in the neighbourhood • Highways and provision of carparking • Issues with regard to fencing adjoining neighbours' properties • The Parish Council would expect more detail from a project of this size on meeting sustainability outcomes and addressing the climate emergency, - for instance, by incorporating solar panels, ground source heating and so on [<i>Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development - Plan Policy 12: Promoting Sustainability</i>] • The Parish Council is disappointed that the project does not include any provision for smaller, more affordable housing.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/01
Application No:	2021/62/94236/W
Location:	Holmroyd Nook Farm, Knoll Lane, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UR
Ward/Councillors:	Netherthong – JD JR
Proposed Development:	Erection of two storey rear extension and front porch with external alterations [Listed Building]
OS Map Ref:	SE 413016.1306409725.5564
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94236
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/02
Application No:	2021/65/94237/W
Location:	Holmroyd Nook Farm, Knoll Lane, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UR
Ward/Councillors:	Netherthong – JD JR
Proposed Development:	Listed Building consent for two storey rear extension and front porch with internal and external alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 413016.1306409725.5564
Link:	
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/03
Application No:	2021/62/94380/W
Location:	Thor Cottage, 12, Thirstin Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JG
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central & East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Erection of first floor extension (within a Conservation Area)
OS Map Ref:	SE 413690.6805411916.889
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94380
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/04
Application No:	2021/62/94373/W
Location:	Scholes Cricket Club, Chapelgate, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1SX
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Alterations to existing building, erection of single storey side extension and erection of detached garage/store to rear with photovoltaic panels to roof
OS Map Ref:	SE 415661.16407220.29
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94373
HVPC Comment:	Support. Additionally, the Parish Council would like to commend the applicant for its inclusion of sustainability measures to address the climate emergency, - in this case, solar panels.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/05
Application No:	2021/62/94453/W
Location:	4, Whinney Bank Cottages, Winney Bank Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1US
Ward/Councillors:	Wooldale – JB PD DG
Proposed Development:	Formation of doorway within existing window opening and new external stone steps (Listed Building)
OS Map Ref:	SE 415099.1294408446.0661
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94453
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/06
Application No:	2021/65/94454/W
Location:	4, Whinney Bank Cottages, Winney Bank Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1US
Ward/Councillors:	Wooldale – JB PD DG
Proposed Development:	Listed Building Consent for formation of doorway within existing window opening and new external stone steps
OS Map Ref:	SE 415099.1294408446.0661
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94454
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/07
Application No:	2021/62/94419/W
Location:	26, Moorside Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6ER
Ward/Councillors:	Honley West – SE CG
Proposed Development:	Demolition of existing conservatory and utility, erection of single storey rear and side extensions and alterations to roof
OS Map Ref:	SE 413253.0949411251.4205
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94419
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/08
Application No:	2021/62/94429/W
Location:	7, St Mary's Crescent, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3XP
Ward/Councillors:	Netherthong – JD JR
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey rear extension, increase in garage roof height and front porch
OS Map Ref:	SE 413698.7601409947.5942
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94429
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/09
Application No:	2021/62/94277/W
Location:	The Gables, Town Gate, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TE
Ward/Councillors:	Hepworth - TD
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey rear extension and formation of first floor [within a Conservation Area]
OS Map Ref:	SE 416296.2984406762.1781
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94277
HVPC Comment:	Support subject to Conservation Area Officer approval.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/10
Application No:	2021/62/94446/W
Location:	White Rose Cottage, Hollingreave, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7ND
Ward/Councillors:	Fulstone – DF DH
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey rear extension and front bay window
OS Map Ref:	SE 416017.4869409437.0214
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94446
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/11
Application No:	2021/62/94531/W
Location:	Leather Hall Barn, Bradshaw Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RJ
Ward/Councillors:	Honley South - JS
Proposed Development:	Erection of extensions and alterations to stables to create dwelling forming annex accommodation associated with Leather Hall Barn, Bradshaw Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RJ
OS Map Ref:	SE 413096.4591410895.6762
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94531
HVPC Comment:	Support as long as a condition is included that the annex accommodation is always ancillary to the main building.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/12
Application No:	2021/62/94434/W
Location:	4, Butterley Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7EZ
Ward/Councillors:	Fulstone – DF DH
Proposed Development:	Removal of conservatory, erection of extensions and external alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 416452.5327407952.9356
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94434
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/13
Application No:	2021/62/94522/W
Location:	Flight Hill Farm, Flight Hill, Dunford, Holmfirth, HD9 2TE
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Erection of first floor extension, widening of entrance and alterations to driveway
OS Map Ref:	SE 415241404203
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94522
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

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HVPC Reference:	2122/09/14
Application No:	2021/90800
Location:	Hinchliffe Mill, Water Street, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NX
Ward/Councillors:	Upper Holme Valley – KB TB
Proposed Development:	Redevelopment and change of use of former mill site to form 19 residential units (within a Conservation Area)
OS Map Ref:	SE 412708.021 407073.6585
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/90800
HVPC Comment:	<p>The Parish Council remains very supportive of the re-development of the site of the historic mill building at Hinchliffe Mill and welcomes the proposed provision of smaller, more affordable homes within the mill.</p> <p>However, the Parish Council objects to the current, proposed development on the basis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over-intensification of the site • Heritage concerns regarding the unsuitable design of the new buildings within a Conservation Area [<i>Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - Policy 2: Protecting and Enhancing the Built Character of the Holme Valley and Promoting High Quality Design</i>] • Regarding highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ concerns about the very limited parking available to existing residents of Water Street, Dam Head, Spring Lane etc; a communal parking area should be part of the development ○ Issues of pedestrian safety and the public right of way • Flood risk • Ecological damage, - the scheme needs to include an action plan regarding environmental improvements to offset the biodiversity loss [<i>Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - Policy 13: Protecting Wildlife and Securing Biodiversity Net Gain</i>] • The Parish Council would expect more detail from a project of this size on meeting sustainability outcomes and addressing the climate emergency, - for instance, by incorporating solar panels, ground source heating and so on [<i>Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development - Plan Policy 12: Promoting Sustainability</i>]
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/15
Application No:	2021/N /94391/W
Location:	Land to the left of Brockholes lane, adj Brockholes Gun Club, Brockholes, Holmfirth, HD9 7BG
Ward/Councillors:	Brockholes - MP
Proposed Development:	Prior notification for erection of agricultural building
OS Map Ref:	SE 415303.303411347.5737
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94391
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Insufficient detail.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/16
Application No:	2021/N /94516/W
Location:	Flight Hill Farm, Flight Hill, Dunford, Holmfirth, HD9 2TE
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Prior notification for erection of agricultural building
OS Map Ref:	SE 415241404203
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94516
HVPC Comment:	The decision on this application, we understand has already been made.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/17
Application No:	2021/44/94554/W
Location:	Land at, Lancaster Lane, Brockholes, Holmfirth, HD9 7TL
Ward/Councillors:	Brockholes - MP
Proposed Development:	Discharge conditions 18 and 20 on previous permission 2019/90085 for erection of 8 dwellings
OS Map Ref:	SE 415283.3333410531.1209
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94554
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/18
Application No:	2021/62/94565/W
Location:	Hade Edge Village Hall, Dunford Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2RT
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Change of use of former Sunday school to single dwelling with replacement of windows, removal of chimney stack and alterations to roof (Listed Building)
OS Map Ref:	SE 414595.6893405369.8903
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94565
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/19
Application No:	2021/62/94570/W
Location:	Penlee, Holme Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7NQ
Ward/Councillors:	Fulstone – DF DH
Proposed Development:	Erection of extensions and alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 416107.2662409096.6466
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94570
HVPC Comment:	The Parish Council supports the development in principle but has concerns that the style, - expressly the large plate glass windows and grey zinc cladding, - is not in-keeping with the local vernacular. <i>[Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - Policy 2: Protecting and Enhancing the Built Character of the Holme Valley and Promoting High Quality Design]</i>
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/20
Application No:	2021/62/94508/W
Location:	23, Weavers Mill Way, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7FB
Ward/Councillors:	Fulstone – DF DH
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey rear extension
OS Map Ref:	SE 415605.13409294.7121
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94508
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/21
Application No:	2021/65/94566/W
Location:	Hade Edge Village Hall, Dunford Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2RT
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Listed Building Consent for change of use of former Sunday school to single dwelling with replacement of windows, removal of chimney stack, alterations to roof and associated internal alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 414595.6893405369.8903
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94566
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/22
Application No:	2021/62/94587/W
Location:	10, White Wells Gardens, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1TZ
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey front extension and canopy
OS Map Ref:	SE 415933.1087407324.7696
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94587
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/23
Application No:	2021/CL/94457/W
Location:	Croft Bottom Farm, Fulstone Hall Lane, Fulstone, Holmfirth, HD9 7DL
Ward/Councillors:	Fulstone – DF DH
Proposed Development:	Prior notification for change of use from agricultural building to 5 dwellings with associated building operations (part within a Conservation Area)
OS Map Ref:	SE 417437.9166409547.5596
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94457
HVPC Comment:	Support. The Parish Council welcomes the provision of much-needed smaller properties. However, the Parish Council would expect more detail from a project of this size on meeting sustainability outcomes and addressing the climate emergency, - for instance, by incorporating solar panels, ground source heating and so on [<i>Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development - Plan Policy 12: Promoting Sustainability</i>]
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/24
Application No:	2021/62/94653/W
Location:	23, Greenfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2LA
Ward/Councillors:	Upperthong – DC AW
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey side extension to extend kitchen, rear roof dormer and terrace over existing detached garage and external alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 413498.0748407901.8218
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94653
HVPC Comment:	Oppose on the basis that the rear dormer is not in-keeping with the local vernacular and heritage aspects of the building due its size and appearance.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/25
Application No:	2021/62/94677/W
Location:	20, Leyfield Bank, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1XU
Ward/Councillors:	Wooldale – JB PDv DG
Proposed Development:	Demolition of existing garage and erection of extensions and alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 415133.7821409273.4653
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94677
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/27
Application No:	2021/62/94610/W
Location:	52, Thirstin Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JG
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central & East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey side extension and rear dormer [within a Conservation Area]
OS Map Ref:	SE 413506.7165412017.4296
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94610
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/28
Application No:	2021/62/94626/W
Location:	14, Wickleden Gate, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1QT
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.
OS Map Ref:	SE 415858.8981407415.3371
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94626
HVPC Comment:	Support
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/29
Application No:	2021/62/94630/W
Location:	adj to, Lynfield, 8, Morefield Bank, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7TH
Ward/Councillors:	Wooldale – JB PDv DG
Proposed Development:	Removal of existing building and erection of detached dwelling
OS Map Ref:	
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94630
HVPC Comment:	Support subject to the West Yorkshire Ecology Service concerns about damage to the natural environment being addressed.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/30
Application NEO:	2021/92946
Location:	Huddersfield Road Car Park and Holmfirth Market Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JH
Ward/Councillors:	Holmfirth Central – MBu RH
Proposed Development:	Demolition of Holmfirth Market Hall, extension and redevelopment of existing Huddersfield Road Car Park to include improvements to the existing vehicular entrance point on the A6024, the creation of a new vehicular access point onto the A6024, the creation of a new widened pedestrian bridge over the River Holme and associated landscaping, lighting and drainage works (within a Conservation Area)
OS Map Ref:	SE 414145.1591 408142.7888
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/92946
HVPC Comment:	Support but encourage the developers to undertake all suitable action to mitigate disruption to the town and its residents during the period of construction.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/31
Application No:	2021/44/94674/W
Location:	Land at Westcroft, Honley HD9 6JP
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central & East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Discharge of conditions 11 (drainage) and 12 (storm event mitigation) of previous outline permission 2018/91198 for erection of residential development
OS Map Ref:	SE 413525.6475411900.1211
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94674
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/32
Application No:	2021/62/94590/W
Location:	Lane Head Hill, Honley, HD9 6BS
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central & East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Demolition of existing building and erection of two storey Ea/b/ Sui Generis building (within a Conservation Area)
OS Map Ref:	SE 413752.2532411819.4587
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94590
HVPC Comment:	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Conservation Area Officer.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/33
Application No:	2021/62/94725/W
Location:	36, Leyfield Bank, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1XU
Ward/Councillors:	Wooldale – JB PDv DG
Proposed Development:	Erection of rear dormer
OS Map Ref:	SE 415082.4385409200.3508
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94725
HVPC Comment:	Oppose on the basis that the rear dormer is not in-keeping due to its size, appearance and the large area of glass.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/09/34
Application No:	2021/62/94708/W
Location:	8, Old Turnpike, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6PD
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central & East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Erection of extensions and alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 414019.3069411989.1359
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94708
HVPC Comment:	Oppose on the basis that the design and materials are not in-keeping with neighbouring properties.
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/08/01
Application No:	2021/70/94054/W
Location:	3, Marsh Gardens, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6AF
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central and East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Removal/Variation conditions 11 (solar panels) and 12 (bicycle storage) on previous permission 2019/93445 for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 3 dwellings with gardens and parking
OS Map Ref:	SE 413876.2239411829.0927
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94054
HVPC Comment:	With regard to this application, following representations from members of the public, the Parish Council wants to reiterate that it opposes this proposal. Both conditions are important and should stand. The Parish Council wants to ensure that the Planning Officer addresses all representations received from members of the public in his report.
Decision:	

Holme Valley Parish Council

Planning applications lodged with Kirklees from **04 01 2022** to **01 02 2022** - **List 2122-10**. The following applications will be considered by Holme Valley Parish Council ahead of the Planning Committee meeting **07/02/2022**. Where appropriate, recommendations will be made to Kirklees Planning Services regarding whether or not they should be approved, but the final decisions will be taken by Kirklees Planning Services.

Local residents can email deputyclerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk to submit their views on applications or, better still, attend the meeting in person. Contact the deputy clerk if you want to attend.

Full details regarding deadline dates for comments and how to submit a comment can be obtained from the Kirklees' website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/planning

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HVPC Reference:	2122/10/01
Application No:	2022/62/90033/W
Location:	Newlyn, Kirkroyds Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 1LS
Ward/Councillors:	Fulstone – DF DH
Proposed Development:	Demolition of existing timber garage and erection of double garage for housing of domestic vehicles
OS Map Ref:	SE 415539409017
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90033
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/02
Application No:	2022/62/90074/W
Location:	113, Upperthong Lane, Upperthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UZ
Ward/Councillors:	Upperthong – DC AW
Proposed Development:	Erection of extensions and alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 413186.8904408177.6521
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90074
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/03
Application No:	2021/60/94732/W
Location:	Land Adjacent, Glen View, New Mill Road, Holmfirth, HD9 7LN
Ward/Councillors:	Wooldale – JB PDv DG
Proposed Development:	Outline application for erection of residential development
OS Map Ref:	SE 414769.1856409212.1301
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94732
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/04
Application No:	2022/70/90028/W
Location:	adj 8, Well Hill, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JF
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central and East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Variation of condition 2 (Plans) on previous permission no. 2021/93322 for Variation of condition 2 (Plans) on previous permission 2019/93994 for erection of detached dwelling (within a Conservation Area)
OS Map Ref:	SE 413623.7163411880.2356
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90028
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/05
Application No:	2022/62/90054/W
Location:	Windsor Farm, Hill Top Bank, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7DN
Ward/Councillors:	Fulstone – DF DH
Proposed Development:	Erection of extension to roof and associated alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 416461.0519409587.3623
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90054
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/06
Application No:	2022/62/90118/W
Location:	Primo Casa, 14, Thirstin Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JG
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central and East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Erection of part two storey side and first floor rear extensions and external alterations [within a Conservation Area]
OS Map Ref:	SE 413682.5634411922.1697
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90118
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/07
Application No:	2022/62/90129/W
Location:	Carr Gate, Cold Hill Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7DN
Ward/Councillors:	Fulstone – DF DH
Proposed Development:	Erection of front stair lift and first floor front balcony with external alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 416407.8734409464.6193
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90129
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/08
Application No:	2022/62/90143/W
Location:	37, Holmclose, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NJ
Ward/Councillors:	Upper Holme Valley – KB TB
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension with terrace and front and rear dormer extensions
OS Map Ref:	SE 412084.7431406944.5553
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90143
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/09
Application No:	2022/62/90160/W
Location:	The Old Tea House, Sheffield Road, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 7TP
Ward/Councillors:	Hepworth - TD
Proposed Development:	Alterations to roof, erection of porch and exterior alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 417407.7915406269.0312
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90160
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/10
Application No:	2022/62/90131/W
Location:	Bradshaw Edge Farm, Guinea Gate, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2TB
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Alterations to attached barn/store to extend living accommodation
OS Map Ref:	SE 415713.6032405079.715
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90131
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/11
Application No:	2022/62/90132/W
Location:	Bradshaw Edge Farm, Guinea Gate, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2TB
Ward/Councillors:	Scholes – MBI RPD
Proposed Development:	Erection of stables
OS Map Ref:	SE 415713.6032405079.715
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90132
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/12
Application No:	2022/62/90140/W
Location:	37, Upper Bank End Road, Holmfirth, HD9 1EP
Ward/Councillors:	Holmfirth Central – MBu RH
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey extension to rear and side
OS Map Ref:	SE 414740.5535407541.0053
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90140
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/13
Application No:	2021/92206
Location:	Land Off, Woodhead Road, Honley, Holmfirth
Ward/Councillors:	Brockholes - MP
Proposed Development:	Erection of 137 homes with open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure
OS Map Ref:	SE 414768.9578 411137.6029
Link:	Planning application details Kirklees Council 14 Day turnaround
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/14
Application No:	2022/62/90231/W
Location:	3, Greendale Court, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JW
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central and East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Alterations to upper ground floor opening and formation of balcony (within a Conservation Area)
OS Map Ref:	SE 413592.3698412262.7854
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90231
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/15
Application No:	2021/62/94735/W
Location:	Ashleigh, Hill, Holmfirth, HD9 3BN
Ward/Councillors:	Upperthong – DC AW
Proposed Development:	Erection of single storey side/rear extension and associated alterations
OS Map Ref:	SE 413968.9926408418.1766
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94735
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/16
Application No:	2022/62/90045/W
Location:	2, Southwood Avenue, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QP
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central and East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof
OS Map Ref:	SE 414933.0552412180.9865
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90045
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/17
Application No:	2022/60/90186/W
Location:	adj, 6, Leyfield Bank, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1XU
Ward/Councillors:	Wooldale – JB PDv DG
Proposed Development:	Outline application for erection of residential development
OS Map Ref:	SE 414996.6255409228.3803
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90186
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/18
Application No:	2021/70/94712/W
Location:	Harroyd Farm, Dean Brook Road, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3TE
Ward/Councillors:	Netherthong – JD JR
Proposed Development:	Variation conditions 2 (plans) and 4 (materials) on previous permission 2017/92774 for demolition of existing agricultural barns/outbuildings and erection of dwelling, agricultural hay/feed barn and implement barn
OS Map Ref:	SE 414412410072
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/94712
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/19
Application No:	2021/70/93541/W
Location:	land at, Westcroft, Honley, Holmfirth HD9 6JP
Ward/Councillors:	Honley Central and East – PC BL SS
Proposed Development:	Variation of Condition 1 (Plans) on previous permission 2020/91186 reserved matters application for erection of 20 dwellings pursuant to outline permission no. 2018/91198 for residential development (revised plan)
OS Map Ref:	SE 413525.6475411900.1211
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2021/93541
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

HVPC Reference:	2122/10/20
Application No:	2022/62/90178/W
Location:	76, Dobb Top Road, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2QP
Ward/Councillors:	Upper Holme Valley – KB TB
Proposed Development:	Erection of outbuilding
OS Map Ref:	SE 412088.0619406587.6259
Link:	http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/search-for-planning-applications/detail.aspx?id=2022/90178
HVPC Comment:	
Decision:	

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No.	Location	Development	HVPC Comment	Kirklees Decision
94303	14, Westcroft, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JP	Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear and exterior alterations	"No observation"	Granted
94034	7, Meadow Bank, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 1QS	Removal of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension to form garden room / kitchen extension	Support	Granted
93912	1, Back Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1HQ	Demolition of existing ground floor and first floor extensions and erection of single storey and first floor extensions and alterations (within a Conservation Area)	Support	Granted
93940	Stoney Bank House, Stoney Bank Lane, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7LZ	Erection of two storey side extension and detached garage	Support	Granted
94011	21, Moor Lane, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UW	Erection of second floor side extension (within a Conservation Area)	Support	Granted
94429	7, St Mary's Crescent, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3XP	Erection of single storey rear extension, increase in garage roof height and front porch	"No comments received to date"	Granted
93989	56, Hall Ing Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QW	Erection of first floor extension	Support	Granted
94446	White Rose Cottage, Hollingreave, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7ND	Erection of single storey rear extension and front bay window	Support	Granted
93889	19, Field End Lane, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NH	Demolition of existing garage and porch and erection of two storey side extension, covered porch to front and single storey rear extension with screened balcony and remodel of elevations	Oppose owing to over-intensification of the site, materials not in keeping and over-looking of neighbours	Granted
94084	adj, 9B, Oldfield Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6RL	Erection of stable/shelter	Support	Granted
94508	23, Weavers Mill Way, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7FB	Erection of single storey rear extension	No observation. Defer to Kirklees Officers	Granted

94204	1, The Cottages, Wickins Lane, Upperthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3RE	Erection of single storey rear extension (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)	Defer to Kirklees Officers	Granted
93705	31, St George's Road, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1UQ	Variation conditions 2 (Plans), 4 (Parking/Access), 5 (Turning Facilities), 6 (Visibility Splays), 7 (Door/Window Openings), 9 (Access Road), 12 (Screen Mound), 13 (Planting/Seeding/Trees) on previous permission 2015/93871 for erection of detached dwelling with integral garage	"Holme Valley Parish Council have been notified of the application and confirm they have no observations to make."	Granted
91456	adj, 7, East Street, Jackson Bridge, Holmfirth, HD9 1HY	Erection of detached dwelling	"Defer to Officer decision"	Granted

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Foreword

The last two years have demonstrated the benefit that people get from having access to nature-rich landscapes. Our National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) have been a vital resource for so many of us, but it remains the case that they can be hard to reach. As we embark on our mission to level-up every part of the country, I want us to ask what more we can do to bring nature and people closer together.

I am enormously grateful to Julian Glover and the panel for their report, which comprehensively reviewed our National Parks and AONBs. We have an opportunity to create a new chapter for our protected landscapes, and this response will set out how we plan to do so. The work that we are taking forward is going to contribute to our commitment to protect 30% of our land by 2030 and boost biodiversity, as well as designating more areas of the country for their natural beauty.

Our protected landscapes must also be integrated into the design and development of Local Nature Recovery Strategies and our Environmental Land Management schemes. We have already launched our Farming in Protected Landscapes programme to help farmers based in National Parks or AONBs to make improvements to the natural environment and improve public access on their land.

Alongside boosting biodiversity, improving public access to our protected landscapes is a priority. Our levelling up agenda is about addressing inequality, and I am determined that our protected landscapes will be accessible to all, improve mental and physical wellbeing and support local economies. We will encourage sustainable tourism and national engagement programmes, supported by expanded ranger services and improved rural transport. Equally, where people don't respect our protected landscapes, we will ensure strengthened enforcement powers address antisocial behaviour and damage.

Our protected landscapes must be managed more consistently, but never at the expense of local input. What works for Dartmoor won't necessarily work for the Lake District – but they do share national challenges like climate change. That is why we will establish a new national landscapes partnership to coordinate the work of existing organisations at a national level but maintaining current levels of local input.

Working with National Parks and AONBs in the coming years, we will ensure our protected landscapes boost biodiversity; recognise their role in delivering Net Zero, protect us from flooding; store carbon; help communities adapt to the effects of climate change; improve the quality of people's lives and support rural economies.

Julian Glover's review highlighted a series of challenges facing our National Parks and AONBs but recognised that there are solutions and – most importantly – opportunities.

The package of measures set out in this response will rise to the challenge before us and leave our protected landscapes in a better condition for future generations.

The Rt Hon Lord Benyon

Introduction

All of England's landscapes are important, but National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) are our most iconic and beautiful places. Based on their geology and history, these characteristic landscapes contain swathes of ancient woodland, deep peat and grassland, and many of our most threatened species such as the red squirrel, curlew and water vole. Protected landscapes represent our shared heritage and national identity, and are home to many of our rural communities and businesses. They also support our nation's health and wellbeing as unique places to experience natural beauty and tranquillity.

Since our statutory system of protected landscapes was first established by Parliament in 1949, our society and the challenges it faces has changed. We must address climate change, biodiversity loss and increasing public health issues such as mental health and obesity. At the same time, our understanding of the value of the natural environment has vastly improved, particularly the public services it provides. That is why the government commissioned the Landscapes Review.

Reflecting on all these changes and the comprehensive findings of the review, we feel this is a moment to redefine the role that protected landscapes should play in today's society.

Our vision for protected landscapes is:

'A coherent national network of beautiful, nature-rich spaces that all parts of society can easily access and enjoy. Protected landscapes will support thriving local communities and economies, improve our public health and wellbeing, drive forward nature recovery, and build our resilience to climate change.'

The review represents an exciting new chapter in the history of our nation's most special places. The document sets out the government's response to the findings of the review and our proposed approach to achieving this vision for protected landscapes. It will involve changes to the way that we work together to manage and protect these places to ensure future generations inherit our protected landscapes in a better state than we found them.

The review

Julian Glover and the panel carried out a comprehensive review of our protected landscapes and made 27 wide-ranging proposals; this document sets out the government response to those proposals. We reference proposal numbers from the [review](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-landscapes-national-parks-and-aonbs-2018-review) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-landscapes-national-parks-and-aonbs-2018-review>) where relevant.

Implementing our response to some proposals will involve changes to primary legislation. We are consulting on those changes and include details of how to respond. There is also an opportunity for people to comment on all other aspects of the response. We are keen to hear from a broad range of society who are interested in the future of our protected landscapes.

Terminology

'Protected landscapes': For the purposes of this document, the areas designated as National Parks, the Broads, and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) will be referred to collectively as 'protected landscapes'. In this document, references to 'National Parks' include the Broads.

'Lead partners': Responsibility for day-to-day management of these areas is led by different lead partners and organisations including National Park Authorities, the Broads Authority, and AONB teams. For the purposes of this document, these are referred to collectively as our 'lead partners'.

'AONB teams': For the purposes of this document, AONB Conservation Boards and AONB Partnerships hosted by local authorities will be referred to collectively as AONB teams.

Since publication of the review

A huge increase in visitors during the Coronavirus pandemic demonstrated the vital role protected landscapes have in supporting the nation's health and wellbeing. However, this experience also presented significant visitor management challenges, at times putting a huge strain on our lead partners and communities. This demonstrated that we do not currently have sufficient resources in place to fully meet public demand for our protected landscapes, particularly if we are to attract new and larger audiences.

Nature and climate

The Prime Minister has committed to [protect 30% of UK land for nature by 2030 \(30 by 30\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-commits-to-protect-30-of-uk-land-in-boost-for-biodiversity) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-commits-to-protect-30-of-uk-land-in-boost-for-biodiversity>), setting out our intention and ambition to deliver domestically on the 30 by 30 global goal we are advocating for under the Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Despite being only one quarter of land cover, protected landscapes are home to nearly half of all priority habitats in England, including many of our most important sites for nature. Achieving 30 by 30 will rely on improvements in how these areas are protected and managed for nature recovery, as set out in this response to the review and the Nature Recovery Green Paper.

Natural England has set out an ambitious new [landscape designation programme](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/natural-england-announces-landmark-new-programme-for-protected-landscapes) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/natural-england-announces-landmark-new-programme-for-protected-landscapes>), helping us to implement Proposals 20-22. This includes considering the creation of two new AONBs in the Yorkshire Wolds and Cheshire Sandstone Ridge, and extensions to the Surrey Hills and Chilterns

AQNBS. The new programme, which includes undertaking an All-England Assessment, is exploring new approaches to improve landscapes for people and nature, particularly in and around towns and cities. It will enable a more collaborative process to designate new National Parks and AQNBs.

We have launched the [Farming in Protected Landscapes \(FIPL\) programme](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-for-farmers-in-protected-landscapes) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-for-farmers-in-protected-landscapes>) to help our lead partners forge new or stronger relationships with farmers to deliver projects that support nature recovery, mitigate climate change, improve access, and support sustainable farm businesses. The programme is part of Defra's [Agricultural Transition Plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agricultural-transition-plan-2021-to-2024) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agricultural-transition-plan-2021-to-2024>) and should help shape the potential role that protected landscapes could have in the agricultural transition.

We have published our Net Zero Strategy which sets our ambition to use our land more effectively to tackle climate change, in which protected landscapes have a key role. The [England Trees Action Plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-trees-action-plan-2021-to-2024) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-trees-action-plan-2021-to-2024>) launched in May 2021 committed to treble tree planting rates in England by the end of this Parliament. This objective is supported by the Nature for Climate Fund worth more than £750 million across this parliament. As part of this, we are working with landowners, local authorities, and local communities to fund multiple large afforestation projects contributing to the aim of Proposal 20 that local people should be supported to create more wooded, accessible landscapes. This includes at least three new community forests located in areas of social and tree canopy deprivation and funding for planting in the North and Midlands through the Northern Forest and National Forest Company. The complementary England Peat Action Plan set out our government's long-term vision for the management, protection and restoration of our peatlands and committed to immediately fund at least 35,000 ha of peatland restoration by 2025. This includes a £2.7 million investment through the Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme into the Great North Bog, a landscape approach to restoration across nearly 7,000km² of upland peat in the protected landscapes of northern England.

The 2021 Spending Review also announced a new government target to leverage at least £500 million a year for nature's recovery by 2027 and more than £1 billion a year by 2030. Designated landscapes have a major role to play in achieving, and benefitting from, this target.

Our lead partners have collectively pledged to address climate change and biodiversity loss at a national level. National Parks England (NPE) has set clear targets for climate mitigation and nature recovery through their [delivery plans](https://www.nationalparksengland.org.uk/home/about-national-parks-england/national-parks-collective-vision-and-priorities) (<https://www.nationalparksengland.org.uk/home/about-national-parks-england/national-parks-collective-vision-and-priorities>). Led by the National Association for AQNBs, AQNB teams are working to deliver the [Colchester Declaration](https://landscapesforlife.org.uk/projects/colchester-declaration) (<https://landscapesforlife.org.uk/projects/colchester-declaration>), which includes targets for habitat restoration and species recovery.

People and places

The review highlighted the disparities in society's access to nature, and its importance to wellbeing and reducing health inequalities, which was made much more apparent during the pandemic. The government is proud to support more diverse and inclusive engagement, such as the [Generation Green programme](https://www.yha.org.uk/generationgreen) (<https://www.yha.org.uk/generationgreen>), through our [Green Recovery Challenge Fund](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/40m-second-round-of-the-green-recovery-challenge-fund-opens-for-applications) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/40m-second-round-of-the-green-recovery-challenge-fund-opens-for-applications>). The government has also launched [green social prescribing pilots](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-sites-to-test-how-connecting-people-with-nature-can-improve-mental-health) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-sites-to-test-how-connecting-people-with-nature-can-improve-mental-health>) at several sites in or near protected landscapes, which will test how connecting people with nature can improve mental wellbeing and contribute to our implementation of Proposal 10.

NPE has recently published their 'Landscapes for Everyone' [delivery plan](https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/app/uploads/2020/12/Landscapes-for-Everyone-Delivery-Plan-FINAL.pdf) (<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/app/uploads/2020/12/Landscapes-for-Everyone-Delivery-Plan-FINAL.pdf>), which outlines their commitment to enabling underrepresented communities to discover protected landscapes. We have already seen innovative projects at several National Parks including South Downs' bespoke [Health and Wellbeing strategy](https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/HWB_Strategy-Summary.pdf) (https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/HWB_Strategy-Summary.pdf), Exmoor's Families United in Nature Project, and North York Moors' lottery-funded [Explorer Club](https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/school-and-group-visits/families) (<https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/school-and-group-visits/families>).

Across the country, AQNB teams are working to support constructive, creative engagement between the public and the landscapes, through for instance North Pennines AQNB and Yorkshire Dale lottery-funded partnership on the [Tees-Swale: naturally connected programme](https://www.northpennines.org.uk/what_we_do/tees-swale-naturally-connected/) (https://www.northpennines.org.uk/what_we_do/tees-swale-naturally-connected/), Kent Downs AQNB's work on informing [enhanced access](https://kentdowns.org.uk/our-projects/environmental-land-management-scheme/enhancing-access-opportunities/) (<https://kentdowns.org.uk/our-projects/environmental-land-management-scheme/enhancing-access-opportunities/>) and the Chilterns Conservation Board's [Chalk, Cherries and Chairs](https://www.chilternsaonb.org/projects/CCC.html) (<https://www.chilternsaonb.org/projects/CCC.html>) initiative. Additionally, as part of their commitment to reach a more diverse range of people, the UK's AQNBs have worked with the Ginkgo Prize, the world's largest eco-poetry prize, to establish a [Best Poem of Landscape](https://landscapesforlife.org.uk/projects/Poetry-School-Partnership/Ginkgo-Prize) (<https://landscapesforlife.org.uk/projects/Poetry-School-Partnership/Ginkgo-Prize>) category.

Chapter 1: A more coherent national network

The review highlighted the opportunity to bring protected landscapes together to achieve 'more than the sum of their parts' by unifying the current system, providing more consistent national leadership, and setting a clear mission. These fundamental changes will underpin our ability to achieve our national vision for 'a coherent national network of beautiful, nature-rich spaces that all parts of society can easily access and enjoy'.

Strengthened AQNBs

The review recognised the vast majority of AQNBs are indistinguishable from National Parks and are just as important for people and nature but lack equivalent recognition in law or support in resources. Proposal 24 therefore called for "AQNBs strengthened with new purposes, powers and resources, renamed as National Landscapes". The package of reformed purposes and resources set out in this response are relevant to all protected landscapes and lead partners. However, we agree that action needs to be a priority in AQNBs in order to unlock their full potential in achieving our vision alongside our National Parks.

We agree that the national significance of our AONBs should be reflected in their name. We are currently working with the National Association for AONBs to identify the best way to exemplify the values which underpin this renewed family of protected landscapes in their branding. As part of that work, we are testing the proposal to rename AONBs as 'National Landscapes'. Any name change must represent a step change for AONB teams with the ambitious new title encompassing new purposes delivered by skilled teams, sustainable funding and robust governance. Pulled together as a package these proposals have the potential to deliver a transformational approach to AONB leadership and management.

Strategic direction

We agree with the finding of the review that we need stronger governance to provide national leadership and coordination, and to ensure that our lead partners in National Parks and AONBs collaborate much more effectively to achieve our vision. While Proposal 25 suggested creating a new 'National Landscapes Service', we do not believe that this should be a new public body, as this will simply create another organisation within an already complex governance system, at the cost of great public expense and disruption to the important work of our lead partners. Having carefully considered this proposal, we believe that national governance reforms should be focussed on ensuring that our existing partners work together more effectively at a national level.

We will therefore establish a new national landscapes partnership to build on the existing collaboration between National Parks England and the National Association for AONBs, complemented by roles for the National Trails and National Parks Partnerships. This partnership should:

- generate additional private income through green finance initiatives and joint funding bids
- champion protected landscapes and run national campaigns, such as promoting tourism
- develop strategic partnerships and programmes with a particular focus on commercial partners
- create opportunities to provide training and development
- share knowledge and expertise to build capacity across the protected landscapes family

We are working with partners to develop the structure of this new partnership over the coming months.

Defra will provide clearer strategic direction for protected landscapes through a new national landscape strategy. This will set out a clear national framework to guide the development of plans and programmes by the national landscapes partnership and help to inform the development of local management plans. This is explained further in Chapters 2 and 4.

Natural England's role as our statutory advisor on England's landscapes will be reinvigorated to support national landscapes to better recover nature and provide good quality access to it. It will advise all relevant parts of government, at the local and national levels, on the appropriate management and protection of protected landscapes. It will also have a clear role in monitoring progress of delivering the national landscapes strategy through local management plans and delivery. This is explained in Chapters 2 and 4.

A unified mission

The review highlighted the fundamental importance of the statutory purposes of protected landscapes in shaping the decisions that follow, including government policy, funding, and decision-making. Chapters 2 and 3 set out the specific changes to the statutory purposes that we intend to make to ensure they are aligned with our vision for protected landscapes. Given that National Parks and AONBs are equally important parts of our vision, we will also ensure that their statutory purposes are more closely aligned. This will bring greater consistency in how these areas are protected and managed.

We will obviously need to consider the effects of any changes to statutory purposes separately for the Broads, which has a third statutory purpose in relation to navigation.

Chapter 2: Nature and climate

Protected landscapes have enormous potential to deliver on our environmental ambitions, including the 25 Year Environment Plan goals, Environment Act 2021 forthcoming targets, and reaching net zero. Despite being less than one-quarter of land cover, protected landscapes are home to nearly half of all priority habitats in England, including 60% of deep peat, 34% of broadleaf woodland and nearly 88% of heather and acid grassland habitats (Natural England data).

Climate change may mean that our protected landscapes look different in the future. This challenge requires us to consider the need to manage them differently, not just to conserve and enhance them, but to also play new roles in helping to both reduce our net emissions and enable nature and our communities to adapt to the unavoidable effects of climate change. The government's Net Zero strategy set out the importance of making the most of our natural resources to tackle climate change, including better use of our land to deliver nature-based solutions.

Despite the considerable efforts of our lead partners, the review highlighted that nature has been in long-term decline in our protected landscapes, and they are not contributing as they could to restore nature and respond to climate change. More action is clearly needed to make these special places bigger, better and more joined up spaces for nature, and to help tackle climate change and adapt to its impacts.

This chapter sets out how we will put our protected landscapes at the heart of delivering our nature recovery and climate policies and show leadership on the international stage for how this can be achieved. Our approach will ensure our protected landscapes contribute to our vision to 'drive forward nature recovery, and build our resilience to climate change'.



The Nature Recovery Network and 30 by 30

The Nature Recovery Network aims to join up and make space for nature across England. Given their spatial scale, and track records in planning and delivering landscape-scale restoration projects, protected landscapes could play a particularly important role in the delivery of the Nature Recovery Network (Proposal 4).

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRSs) will provide the underpinning framework for the Nature Recovery Network and will provide the focus for a broad range of funding and delivery activities. We will explore ways for protected landscapes to support responsible authorities in preparing and delivering LNRSs, utilising their expertise to highlight landscape-scale opportunities within protected landscapes and embedding links with their statutory management plans so they align. This role will help to ensure neighbouring LNRSs set out coherent, ambitious strategies for nature recovery across whole landscapes that cross administrative boundaries.

Our Nature Recovery Green Paper will set out how we aim to achieve our goal to protect 30% of our land for nature by 2030. At present, under their current statutory purposes, level of protection and management, protected landscapes cannot be said to contribute towards 30 by 30 in their entirety, and they must do more to drive the recovery of nature. Applying our framework for what should count to 30 by 30 as set out in our Nature Recovery Green Paper will allow us to identify and prioritise where reform and investment are most needed in our protected landscapes. However, this will also require lead partners and their local partnerships to step up to this challenge. We want all protected landscapes to have clear visions for nature recovery but these must also collectively make a major contribution to national nature recovery outcomes. By strengthening the first purpose for nature, supporting stronger protections and management and monitoring progress, we will ensure these areas can contribute to this ambitious commitment for biodiversity and our wider nature recovery ambitions.

A stronger mission for nature recovery

We agree with Proposal 1 that the current statutory purpose to 'conserve and enhance' is not strong enough. This does not reflect that many of our existing landscapes are now badly degraded, or the urgency of the fight to tackle biodiversity loss. We will therefore strengthen this purpose, making it clear that we need to actively recover nature in these areas, rather than simply conserve what remains. A strengthened purpose for nature would also be more closely aligned with national policy objectives, increase the weight given to nature recovery by public bodies, and reinforce that these areas should contribute to our target to halt the decline in species abundance by 2030 and our 30 by 30 commitment.

We support the intention of the wording proposed by the panel. We propose to amend the current statutory purpose so that:

- a core function of protected landscapes should be to drive nature recovery
- a revised purpose should be more specific with regards to nature outcomes and explicitly mention biodiversity
- the principle of natural capital should also be included to capture the societal value of nature in our protected landscapes and encompass a broader range of ecosystem services.

As explained in Chapter 1, we also intend to create a single set of statutory purposes for AONBs teams and National Park Authorities, providing a more consistent and unified statutory framework for all protected landscapes. We will carefully consider any changes to this statutory purpose for the Broads, which has a third statutory purpose in relation to navigation, while the ‘Sandford Principle’ does not apply.

As per the Environment Act 1995, the Sandford Principle states that, where there is a conflict between the statutory purposes of national parks, any relevant authority “shall attach greater weight to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area comprised in the National Park”.

For details of how to provide your views on this issue, see our [consultation on implementing the review](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review>).

Setting ambition and monitoring progress

We agree with proposals 2 and 3 that improving our monitoring and reporting in protected landscapes will help us to understand the state of nature and prioritise action towards our desired environmental outcomes.

By January 2023, new ambitious outcomes will be agreed for the role of protected landscapes in delivering on the government’s goals for nature recovery and climate, aligned with the revised 25 Year Environment Plan and interim environmental targets under the Environment Act 2021 and the Net Zero Strategy. Natural England will monitor and evaluate progress against the key indicators and outcomes and will also support individual protected landscapes to translate these targets into their management plans.

We are developing the Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment (NCEA), which will provide data on habitats, natural capital, and ecosystem function. This will help to monitor progress against agreed outcomes. Combining earth observation technology and data science with professional field surveys and citizen science, this tool will inform the priorities of protected landscapes, including flood risk reduction, boosts to wildlife, water air quality improvements, and opportunities for biodiversity net gain. Ambitious goals to increase carbon sequestration, together with improved natural capital reporting, should be embedded in all protected landscapes’ management plans. Management plans should also set out their local response to climate adaptation, managing long-term landscape change to increase the resilience of local communities and ecosystems.

Agricultural transition

Proposal 5 makes the case for the special significance of protected landscapes to be reflected in environmental land management schemes. Recognising the distinct status of protected landscapes as part of the Agricultural Transition Plan, the FiPL programme has already demonstrated the value of the knowledge and expertise our lead partners can offer when developing and delivering agri-environment schemes.

We will build on lessons from the FiPL programme to develop the new environmental land management schemes. We are considering a number of options for how the special status of protected landscapes can be reflected in environmental land management schemes’ design and delivery. These could include:

- designing the environmental land management schemes in a way that works for all farmers and land managers, including the specific circumstances for those in protected landscapes, recognising that farmers in these areas are well-placed to deliver on our environmental priorities
- using Local Nature Recovery Strategies to identify projects or habitats within protected landscapes
- monitoring the effectiveness and uptake of the new environmental land management schemes in protected landscapes. Using this to inform whether further interventions are needed to ensure we are on track for wider nature recovery ambitions
- creating a clear role for protected landscape organisations in the preparation of Local Nature Recovery Strategies. Our recent LNRS consultation specifically asks for views on the role of different organisations in the preparation of LNRSs, including protected landscapes
- building on FiPL, empowering protected landscapes to support decision-making and delivery against agreed priorities, including through dedicated project coordinators and advisers

Defra will be working closely with partners and stakeholders to develop these options further to ensure we settle on the right one for all parties, and there will be more opportunities to feed into environmental land management schemes design as it progresses.

For details of how to provide your views on this issue, see our [consultation on implementing the review](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review>).

Chapter 3: People and place

The review highlighted the opportunities for protected landscapes to deliver for everyone so that the benefits for health and wellbeing are available to all parts of society especially considering the need to reduce health inequalities. Changes are needed to improve access and support local economies in order to achieve our vision for protected landscapes to ‘support thriving local communities and economies, improve our public health and wellbeing’.

Landscapes for everyone

The review included proposals to increase engagement with all parts of society, particularly younger and more diverse audiences (proposals 8 and 9), through expanded volunteering (proposal 11), supported by increased rangers (proposal 13). Programmes such as [Generation Green \(https://www.yha.org.uk/generationgreen\)](https://www.yha.org.uk/generationgreen) demonstrate that national-scale partnerships and coordinated collaboration can augment what our lead partners are already doing so well. We are therefore aiming to establish a national coordination function through the new national landscapes partnership that can work with our lead partners to enhance and expand community engagement through national strategic partnerships and collaborative campaigns. This could expand their collective capacity to plan and promote events, programmes and volunteering opportunities that focus on connecting young people with nature, increasing the ethnic and socio-economic diversity of visitors, and aiding people with disabilities to enjoy our protected landscapes.

We will also consider using the powers under the Agriculture Act and resources under the Farming in Protected Landscapes Fund to support or reward landowners for offering enhanced access to their land in some circumstances.

We are also actively developing opportunities to work across government to strengthen the role that protected landscapes can play in supporting the country's health, wellbeing, and education. We are seeking ways to:

- work strategically with the Probation Service's community payback scheme
- support capacity building in schools to engage with nature
- enable protected landscapes to deliver for green social prescribing provision

Additionally, we recognise that rangers are fundamental to enhancing and harnessing the benefits that protected landscapes offer. We will seek ways to increase the number of rangers engaging with people in protected landscapes.

A stronger mission for connecting people and places

We agree with proposal 7, that a strengthened second statutory purpose for National Park Authorities would clarify and reinvigorate our lead partners' ambition to connect all parts of society with our protected landscapes. As explained in Chapter 1, we intend to create a single set of statutory purposes for AONBs teams and National Parks Authorities, providing a more consistent and unified statutory framework for all protected landscapes. We therefore agree that this strengthened purpose should be extended to AONBs teams.

We support the intention of the wording proposed by the panel. We propose to amend the current statutory purpose to:

- highlight the need to improve opportunities and remove barriers to access for all parts of society
- clearly reference public health and wellbeing as an outcome
- take a more active role in supporting access than just promoting opportunities

For details of how to provide your views on this issue, see our [consultation on implementing the review \(https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review).

Supporting local communities

Proposal 17 suggested creating a new statutory purpose to foster the economic and community vitality of their area. However National Park Authorities, AONB Conservation Boards and the Broads Authority already have a statutory duty that relates to the economic and social well-being of local communities. Local authorities hosting AONB Partnerships also have existing statutory responsibilities to consider the rural economy. We also consider that there are risks that introducing a third purpose could dilute the importance of the existing purposes and have unintended outcomes such as impacts on future designations.

We recognise the importance of supporting rural communities and share the panel's desire to support vibrant local communities, however we do not consider that a new statutory purpose is the appropriate policy to achieve that objective. Instead, we will support our lead partners to discharge their existing duties effectively and consistently through government guidance and sharing best practice. The government will also support local communities through programmes such as the FFL programme, which is helping farmers capitalise on the many social and financial benefits that the Visitor Economy generates in protected landscapes.

Sustainable transport

In relation to proposal 19, the government supports the Lake District National Park Authority and Cumbria County Council developing new sustainable ways to access the National Park that may transform public transport in the area and become a blueprint for other protected landscapes.

Many protected landscapes require bespoke transport arrangements. For example, Peak District National Park Authority, with South Yorkshire Combined Authority and Derbyshire County Council, are to consider new types of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) services. Local authorities should consider opportunities such as these as part of their wider transport plans. The government is updating guidance around Local Transport Plans, which will reinforce the need for local authorities to consult appropriately with key stakeholders including National Park Authorities and Destination Management Organisations (DMOs). Our proposals to strengthen the statutory purposes of protected landscapes and strengthen the duty of regard (Chapter 4) should increase the weight local authorities give to supporting local rural communities and the public's enjoyment of protected landscapes through their transport plans.

Open access land

Proposal 16 recommends expanding open access rights to provide additional recreational opportunities. We aim to review the open access maps to clarify rights and inform any further consideration of expanding open access rights. We will also continue to pay for heritage, access and engagement through our existing schemes and we will consider how to maintain investment in these areas as part

of future schemes. In parallel, we will also explore the barriers that may exist to the provision of permissive access by landowners and seek to remedy these.

National Trails

We agree with proposal 15 that National Trails should be more joined up with our protected landscapes, particularly in the planning and delivery of initiatives to improve access to the natural environment. A new charity is being formed as a single, strategic body for all National Trails. This will unify and strengthen their voice and help to integrate the work of our lead partners. We are exploring the potential to include the National Trails charity as a member of the new national landscapes partnership (see Chapter 1).

Sustainable tourism

The government's [Tourism Recovery Plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tourism-recovery-plan) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tourism-recovery-plan>) recognises that the government has a role in helping the tourism industry play its part in contributing to the conservation and enhancement of cultural, natural and historic heritage, and avoiding damage to the environment. VisitBritain/VisitEngland are celebrating and sharing sustainable best practice and working with the sector to put the UK's natural environment, including our protected landscapes at the heart of the country's brand proposition. To identify and deliver further ways to help the industry to grow back greener, we have also committed to producing a Sustainable Tourism Plan, working with the wider Visitor Economy sector and VisitBritain/VisitEngland, and will be engaging with representatives from the protected landscapes to help inform that plan.

Managing visitor pressures

Since the review was published, rangers in protected landscapes have observed increased visitor numbers and an increase in anti-social and hostile behaviour. In response, Natural England has revised the [Countryside Code](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code-advice-for-countryside-visitors) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code-advice-for-countryside-visitors>), and run a communications campaign to improve people's understanding of the countryside and promote socially and environmentally responsible behaviours. However, providing visitors with clearer information has not been sufficient to fully address these ongoing issues.

We are therefore considering making a greater range of enforcement powers available to National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority to help manage visitor pressures and make National Parks a more pleasant and safe place to live and visit. These are powers to:

- issue Fixed Penalty Notices for byelaw infringements - this would simplify the process and reduce enforcement costs. Increasing the penalties would also act as a stronger deterrent and provide reassurance to local communities
- make Public Space Protection Orders (P.S.P.O.s) – this would reduce administration costs where multiple local authorities have jurisdiction across a National Park and ensure there is a consistent approach where P.S.P.O.s are deemed necessary to deter genuinely antisocial behaviour. This would only be used following consultation with LAs
- issue Traffic Regulation Orders (T.R.O.s) to control the amount and type of traffic on roads – this would help to tackle and deter problems caused by vehicles that could lead to damage to sensitive environments or wildlife and allow National Park Authorities to respond more quickly to emerging traffic issues

Some country public rights of way and unsealed unclassified roads known as 'green lanes' allow for the legal recreational use of motor vehicles. Whilst many users make use of these rights in a responsible way, we have become increasingly aware of damage and disturbance caused by excessive use of off-road motor vehicles on some unsealed routes. This can result in impacts on local wildlife, the special qualities of an area e.g., tranquillity, and make the route less accessible for other users such as those on foot, bicycles, horseback, or in vehicles used by disabled people. In protected landscapes, these impacts could undermine the statutory purposes of the area.

We are also aware that these unsealed routes often provide essential vehicular access for local residents and businesses, and recognise that many people enjoy using motor vehicles responsibly on green lanes without causing damage or disturbance. Vulnerable groups such as disabled or elderly people are also likely to be particularly reliant on vehicular access in rural areas including via community transport.

We therefore would like to explore the options available for protecting our green lanes while maintaining most public and private access rights, particularly for residents or businesses. This could be achieved by giving greater discretion for National Park Authorities and local highway authorities to use existing powers to restrict use on a case-by-case basis. Alternatively, the government could consider restricting the use of certain motor vehicles on unsealed roads through legislation, but only if this could carefully balance the needs of all users including motorised vehicle users, horse riders, cyclists and walkers, whilst also protecting private access rights.

We will also continue to work to manage visitor pressures through visitor dispersal. A key objective in the government's Tourism Recovery Plan is for visitor spending to grow year on year in every nation and region of the UK, not only within but beyond the usual tourist 'hotspots' to smaller, lesser-known destinations - including the lesser-visited protected landscapes. For example, we have supported this through many [Discover England Fund](https://www.visitbritain.org/discover-england-fund-year-5-recovery-funding) (<https://www.visitbritain.org/discover-england-fund-year-5-recovery-funding>) projects, which are well suited to meet the renewed interest in outdoor experiences and showcase lesser-known destinations.

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Planning reform

A strong and effective planning system must sustainably balance protections with supporting local communities and economies. This balancing exercise must be carried out differently in protected landscapes, to ensure their statutory purposes and special qualities are meaningfully protected. This involves giving greater weight to their special qualities in planning policies, procedures, and decisions. For example, the recent revision of the [National Planning Policy Framework \(NPPF\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework-2) (2021) clarified that development in the setting of protected landscapes should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise adverse impacts.

As we consider planning reforms, we recognise the special role that protected landscapes hold within the planning system and will continue to explore opportunities for how this role could be developed further. An integral part of reviewing the planning reforms is considering how they align with and support our wider mission to level up the country and regenerate left-behind places.

As part of planning reform, we intend to review the NPPF, and we will further consider how policy for protected landscapes is set out. The Environment Act 2021 will also embed a biodiversity net gain approach into the planning system in England. This new requirement to offset unavoidable impacts of development will create new opportunities to conserve and enhance habitats and ecological networks, including within protected landscapes.

The role of AONB teams in planning

The review highlighted the important role of the National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority in delivering high-quality, sustainable development through effective use of their planning powers. Their local plans have an important role to play in achieving our vision, providing certainty to businesses and communities, offering opportunities to connect habitats and wildlife, and driving action on climate change.

AONB teams also make a valuable contribution to the planning process through a range of tools including evidence gathering and issuing of planning and design advice to inform plan-making and planning applications. This can contribute to the delivery of good quality development in keeping with local character and meeting the AONB teams' purpose. However, the review found that AONB teams do not always have the resources to meaningfully engage with the planning system, and their advice is sometimes given limited weight in planning decisions. Proposal 6 therefore suggested that their role in the planning system should be strengthened.

We recognise that AONB teams can bring substantial evidence and expertise to the planning process, and we wish to seek views on how the AONB teams can achieve better outcomes through the plan-making process.

The review also identified strong support for AONB teams to be granted statutory consultee status for planning applications. Whilst we acknowledge the resource implications this would place on AONB teams, we recognise the benefit of further strengthening their role and are seeking views on this potential change.

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Permitted development

The review also highlighted that certain permitted development rights may impact landscape quality, and proposal 6 suggested a review of existing rights.

We recognise that permitted development rights can play an important role in delivering new homes, particularly in rural areas. This benefits householders and businesses. We will continue to monitor the use of permitted development rights in protected landscapes, and identify future opportunities to review their use.

Affordable housing

We share the concerns raised in the review regarding the availability of affordable homes to support sustainable communities in protected landscapes. However, this issue is not unique to protected landscapes, and as such our policy response considers all rural areas.

Existing rural housing associations are already helping to increase the supply of new and affordable homes in protected landscapes. We do not believe that a new, publicly funded housing association specifically for protected landscapes recommended under proposal 18 would be any more effective at targeting the underlying challenges of finding suitable and economically viable small sites in these areas. Indeed, a new housing association could even harm the viability of existing rural housing associations.

We are instead progressing alternative means to deliver suitable housing for local communities in rural areas, including protected landscapes. For example:

- Rural Exception Sites deliver affordable housing in perpetuity to meet local needs in rural areas. When used effectively, these sites can provide vital affordable housing for local communities. We have recently published planning practice guidance to help those involved in the process to bring forward more of these sites in the future
 - Homes England's funding prospectus for the new 2021-26 Affordable Homes Programme continues to support the delivery of rural housing
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Chapter 4: Supporting local delivery

Achieving our vision will rely on effective local delivery, driven and directed by our lead partners, providing local leadership and working within strong local partnerships. While the review praised the excellent work and commitment of our lead partners, it also made some proposals to improve local delivery. This chapter sets out how we will boost local delivery of outcomes through changes to governance, financing and legislation.

Local governance

We need local governance that creates the conditions for consistently high standards of collaboration towards shared strategic priorities but that is flexible enough to adapt to local circumstances. Local governance structures should create a careful balance of democratic accountability, essential skills, and diversity of experience.

National Park Authorities, the Broads Authority and AONB Conservation Boards

Board members bring time, energy and expertise. Despite the passion and commitment of these individuals, the review (proposal 26) found that these boards do not always function as well as they could, sometimes due to the restrictive legislation they operate within. To support boards to deliver their full potential, we are developing a flexible package of statutory and non-statutory measures to achieve the following improvements, which we will develop in consultation with board members.

Improved performance

Setting clear performance standards and agreed expectations will get the best out of board members and deliver better outcomes. This could include a standard role profile, a shared code of conduct, regular skills audits, and improved training. To empower boards to address poor performance, these measures should be supplemented by performance reviews, fixed-term appointments, and a streamlined process for removing underperforming members.

Strengthened local partnerships

We would like to see greater integration of advisory panels into the development and implementation of statutory management plans by providing specialist expertise and ensuring local voices are heard on decisions that impact local communities.

Skilled, diverse and representative boards

We agree that for protected landscapes to benefit all parts of society, their boards must better reflect that society. The review highlighted a need for greater diversity, and we have begun to address this through improvements to the Secretary of State public appointments process. This has significantly increased the proportion of candidates who are female and/or from an ethnic minority

background. There is still more to do, and we will continue to embed diversity, equity, and inclusion best practices into our public appointments.

While we are seeing positive change in our national appointments, these comprise a minority of the overall board members. We disagree with proposal 26 that all members be appointed nationally given the important role locally elected members play in giving the boards democratic legitimacy. Instead, we are considering removing the strict legislative requirements for a specific ratio between appointment types. Boards would still need national, parish, and local authority members but they would have more flexibility to balance diversity and expertise with strong democratic oversight in accordance with the needs of their specific area.

Another option would be to introduce a more merit-based approach to local nominations, encouraging local authorities to put forward their best candidates considering similar desirable criteria as Secretary of State appointees. This would retain vital democratic accountability while helping to identify the best local representatives to create engaged, diverse, and appropriately skilled boards.

Improved efficiency

Reducing board sizes would simplify decision-making processes, boost efficiency and follow best practice governance models. Proposal 26 recommended capping boards at 12 members, but this may not be appropriate in areas with large numbers of local authorities. We are already in discussion with a number of National Park Authorities about potential board reductions on a case-by-case basis. Reductions should not be at the expense of the skills, expertise and diversity needed. In cases where a large board is necessary or advantageous, clear guidance on structuring and organization may boost efficiency.

Strategic alignment

Currently, boards select a chair from amongst their members. Proposal 26 suggested that the chair should be appointed by the Secretary of State, in line with Defra's public bodies, which we believe could provide greater continuity, strategic direction, and accountability.

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AONB Partnerships

Although proposal 26 focussed on National Park Authorities the Broads Authority and AONB Conservation Boards, many of the issues highlighted in the review are relevant to AONB partnerships. Government has less direct influence over governance structures hosted by local authorities, but we want to encourage positive reforms.

Natural England will replace the former Countryside Agency guidance for AONB Partnerships, to set out clear governance principles, processes, and structures that local authorities would be expected to follow. This guidance will be flexible enough to be adapted to local circumstances but would aim to improve consistency, performance, and transparency. To ensure a high level of uptake and incentivise positive reforms, we could include conditions in our grant agreements, requiring evidence that this guidance has been applied to local governance structures and processes.

Management plans

Proposal 3 called for strengthened management plans which set clear priorities and actions for nature recovery and the response to climate change. Our proposed national landscapes strategy will set the national ambition for the expected contribution of protected landscapes towards nature recovery and climate mitigation and adaptation, along with other key goals such as access and community engagement. This will help to align local management plans with relevant national policies and targets such as the goals of the 25 Year Environment Plan and net zero. Natural England will review all revised management plans, ensuring that these make fair and ambitious contributions. To facilitate this new process, Natural England will also update their guidance on management plans for protected landscapes.

Natural England will produce an outcomes framework, provide annual reporting to track progress against the outcomes, and advise on where further action is needed. We will also ensure clear alignment with Local Nature Recovery Strategies, to facilitate delivery of priority nature recovery actions without duplication. As we look to strengthen management plans, we will also consider how best to ensure a smooth transition so that valuable work is not lost.

A clearer role for public bodies

Public bodies have a huge influence on the protection and management of protected landscapes through their policies, programmes, projects, authorisations, and land management practices. It is therefore essential that they take account of the statutory purposes and the relevant management objectives when making decisions relating to protected landscapes, whilst carefully balancing this with the needs of other legitimate land uses such as forestry, agriculture or defence.

Proposal 3 highlighted that the existing duties for public bodies to 'have regard' to the statutory purposes are too weak. The vagueness of the duties can lead to disagreements about their interpretation and allow damaging practices to occur. We therefore propose strengthening the wording of these statutory duties so that they are given greater weight when exercising public functions.

The current duties are also not clear that public bodies are expected to contribute to the delivery of management plans, which can lead to the underperformance of key partners and under-delivery of management plan objectives. The wording should also be made clearer with regards to the role of public bodies in preparing and implementing management plans.

The government will produce guidance for public bodies on the application of the strengthened duties, making it clearer when and how it should be discharged in respect of public functions. These changes would help avoid disputes, reduce damaging practices, and lead to much more effective management of our protected landscapes.

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Sustainable financing

We are proposing an ambitious new vision for our protected landscapes, but the scale of this ambition must be matched by equivalent resources to ensure effective delivery, particularly in AONB teams. We support the principle of proposal 27 that we need to pursue a new funding model to deliver increased and more diverse sources of funding, building on the progress that is already being made in this area.

The government's core grant is essential to supporting our lead partners. We agree with the review's proposal that the grant allocation model should be reviewed to ensure transparency. We have already increased the grant settlement for AONB teams by almost £1 million (15%) for the current financial year, however there is relatively limited scope to increase the core grant by the scale suggested in the review, or to provide longer funding settlements that extend beyond a spending review period. Therefore, the core grant does not provide the opportunity to increase funding to the scale needed to deliver our vision.

There has been increasing interest in private and blended financing models for nature recovery and nature-based solutions, and we believe that this area provides significant opportunities to lever more investment into protected landscapes. The government has recently set an ambitious new target to raise at least £500 million in private finance to support nature's recovery every year by 2027 in England, rising to more than £1 billion by 2030. Much of this could be generated through the sale or trade via environmental markets of the various benefits nature provides – from carbon sequestration to improved water quality. We are working with industry leaders, such as the Financing Nature Recovery Coalition, to understand how to accelerate these markets, whilst ensuring transparency, integrity and the delivery of real environmental improvement. We are already supporting a number of nature projects in protected landscapes to attract private investment through our [Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/innovative-nature-projects-awarded-funding-to-drive-private-investment) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/innovative-nature-projects-awarded-funding-to-drive-private-investment>), as well as developing a public-private blended impact fund.

Some of our lead partners have already started to attract private finance into protected landscapes, such as the National Parks Partnership [Net Zero With Nature](https://www.nationalparks.uk/net-zero-with-nature/) (<https://www.nationalparks.uk/net-zero-with-nature/>) pilot programme. By learning from projects such as these, and providing the right support, data and expertise, we want to scale up and accelerate these approaches to unlock the economic value of the natural and cultural/heritage capital of our protected landscapes. We want the national landscapes partnership to build capacity to generate additional income through green finance initiatives and joint funding bids. This should include a dedicated national finance team with the right expertise to coordinate our lead partners to design a pipeline of investment-ready projects and maximise the value of investment for our lead partners and landowners. This has the potential to revolutionise the scale of resources available to support the delivery of our vision, particularly for nature and climate.

Protected landscapes have a strong national, and in some cases international, recognition as sites of exceptional environmental importance, natural beauty, and cultural heritage. It is this that drives an estimated 270 million visitors a year from the UK and overseas. The Lake District alone, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, received 19.9 million visitors in 2019. Despite this, evidence gathered during the review indicates that average commercial income of National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority other than fees for chargeable activities such as planning, parking and navigation, is understood to have been in the region of half a million pounds per annum each. This presents a huge, missed opportunity to date but also means there is a significant, largely untapped opportunity to be taken. We expect protected landscapes, individually and collectively, to develop and harness the commercial and sponsorship opportunities provided by their unique brand identity. Driving this agenda should be a key objective of the new national landscapes partnership, which should publish a commercial strategy within a year of being established and target a minimum of five new flagship partnerships across the network by 2025.

General power of competence

National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority currently have specific powers to carry out activities clearly related to their statutory functions. However, this can create uncertainty around the activities that they can legally undertake, particularly related to commercial operations and partnerships. Given that we would like our lead partners to fully explore the commercial opportunities arising from green finance (described above), we do not want them to be constrained by this limited power of competence.

We are considering broadening the legal competence of National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority to a more general power, similar to that of local authorities. We believe this would support a more innovative and proactive role for the protected landscapes and reduce legal risks associated with a wider range of activities such as affordable housing, public health, and sustainable transport, or working beyond their boundaries.

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Consultation

Implementing some aspects of our response to the review will require changes to legislation, subject to securing parliamentary time. We are seeking public views on support for these proposed legislative changes, and their potential effects on different groups and interests. We are also interested to hear any wider views on other aspects of our response to the review.

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21st January 2022

To: Mark Scarr
Head of Highways, Kirklees Council

Dear Mark

Re. Ongoing Highways issues in the Holme Valley

As you are aware, following representations from residents, the Parish Council has recently pursued a number of highways issues with Kirklees Council. Thank you for your support to date, especially your willingness to come to Holmfirth, last October, to meet councillors to discuss the dangerous road junctions in Hade Edge.

We are aware that all Council officers are working in difficult circumstances, owing to the impact of COVID 19, - including staff absence and the limitations imposed by home-working, - as well as any budgetary constraints.

However, the Parish Council is disappointed by the length of time it is taking to receive definitive replies to our queries or firm indications of when definitive replies might be received. Details of communications sent and received are all outlined in the minutes of Holme Valley Parish Council Planning Committee meetings.

The communications pertain to Magdale quiet lane, Honley, and the stretch of Woodhead Road between Holme and Hinchliffe Mill.

Being aware of the difficulties under which you are working we understand that it may take some time to produce definitive replies. We would much prefer to receive more accurate estimates of when we can expect replies, even if that is some weeks away, rather than aspirational but unrealistic timescales.

We have waited some months to raise this issue. We are sure that you will understand our frustrations, as councillors are regularly questioned by residents about progress.

Kind regards,



Rich McGill
Responsible Finance Officer and Deputy Clerk of Holme Valley Parish Council

cc Colin Parr

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Our Ref: K61001
Your Ref: None

Date: 17th January 2022

Dear Mr. McGill,

No.1 Woodside View, Holmfirth

Collapsed private retaining wall adjacent to Burnlee Road, Holmfirth

I write in connection with the above private retaining wall and your letter dated 9th December 2021.

Further to recent correspondence with Parish Councillor, Cllr Andy Wilson, I would like to reaffirm that the defective retaining wall that collapsed onto Burnlee Road is a private structure maintainable by the proprietor of No.1 Woodside View.

Following the collapse of the private retaining wall in January 2021, the Council attended the site and made the area around the collapsed section safe by erecting barriers which necessitated the implementation of a road closure to safeguard the safety of highway users, on behalf of the homeowner. Furthermore, due to ongoing stability concerns over the condition of the wall adjoining the collapsed section and the adjacent garage building located above the collapsed section, it has not been possible to re-open Burnlee Road until the private retaining wall is reconstructed.

Following initial communication with the adjoining landowner to resolve this issue, we were contacted by their insurers advising us about their proposed programme to reconstruct the collapsed section. At this point we advised their insurers that due to the significant retained height of the collapsed wall, their design for the replacement wall would have to be approved by the Council as the Highway Authority in compliance with the requirements of the Highways Act 1980. Having reluctantly accepted this legal requirement, they then appointed their consultant to prepare the necessary submissions in order to secure a technical approval for the design of the new wall. This entailed undertaking detailed ground investigation to establish the cause of the collapse and determine the scale of the remedial works and the most appropriate form of construction to reinstate the collapsed section. Following the completion of the ground investigation and submission of their

initial proposals for consideration by the Council in June 2021, which were not accepted, the Council has received several revised proposals in the following months, all of which have been found to be inadequate and therefore not fit for purpose.

The technical approval process for the replacement wall could have been completed in last September and the works commenced soon after, as advised, had their consultants been able to submit a satisfactory proposal for approval by the Council as had been anticipated. However, due to the inexperience of the consultants appointed by the insurance company in dealing with the design of highway retaining structures, this has proved much longer than initially envisaged, despite significant assistance and advice that the Structures Team have provided to their consultant in order to bring this matter to satisfactory resolution.

We have recently written to the insurance company advising them about the above and the urgent need for commissioning the services of a suitably qualified and experienced structural engineer to progress this matter and conclude the technical approval process for the replacement wall without further delay and are currently awaiting a response from them.

We have also advised the insurance company that should they fail to resolve this issue quickly, the Council would have no option but to consider legal recourse in order to settle the matter. It is important to note that should the Council be forced to pursue this course of action, the necessary legal notices would have to be served on the proprietor of No.1 Woodside View and not the insurance company. Furthermore, this will necessitate the external commissioning of new independent ground investigation prior to implementing the necessary remedial works which is anticipated to take several months to complete.

I hope the above clarifies the reasons as to the delay for completing the necessary remedial works so that the road closure can be removed and Burnlee Road be reopened to vehicular traffic.

If you would like any further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact Ben Wright on 01484 22100 (asking for Ben Wright when prompted) or ben.wright@kirklees.gov.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

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Farhad Khatibi

Bridges and Structures Manager

cc. Cllr Paul Davies (via Cllr Enquiries)
Cllr Donald Firth (via Cllr Enquiries)
Cllr Nigel Patrick (via Cllr Enquiries)
Mark Scarr
Kathryn Broadbent

21st January 2022



To: Will Acornley
Head of Operational Services, Highways and Streetscene

Dear Will

Re Yateholme area PSPO Number 1 of 2021

I hope you are the person to contact about this issue.

I am writing about the above Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) concerning byways around Yateholme, Ramsden, Riding Wood and Brownhill reservoirs in the Upper Holme Valley.

One of our Parish Councillors, Cllr Andy Wilson, has regularly been attempting to get an update on the PSPO. He spoke with Mark White, who we understand has been tasked with overseeing the rollout of the PSPO, in September 2021. Mark White said that three things needed to be done before the PSPO could be enacted:

- Procurement of the barrier/gate
- Identifying who within Kirklees would be responsible for the permit system
- Legal services to delegate powers

Mr White expected these tasks to take around 3 months, that is, by early January 2022.

Since then, unfortunately, despite repeated attempts, Cllr Wilson has been unable to contact anyone to provide an update. This is particularly galling as once again anti-social behaviour is on the increase in the area. The most recent example involves damage to a public footpath by an off-road vehicle. There is no evidence of installation works at the site.

Will you please ensure that someone is tasked with providing an update to Holme Valley Parish Council regarding the PSPO and give us a detailed timeline for the installation of the barriers and associated works with a projected date of when the PSPO should take effect.

The Parish Council looks forward to a prompt reply and speedy application of the Public Space Protection Order.

Kind regards,

Rich McGill
Responsible Finance Officer and Deputy Clerk of Holme Valley Parish Council



From: Cllr Charles Greaves <Charles.Greaves@kirklees.gov.uk>

Sent: 20 January 2022 16:14

To: Kieran Bonner <Kieran.Bonner@kirklees.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Terry Lyons <Terry.Lyons@kirklees.gov.uk>; Cllr PaulG White <PaulG.White@kirklees.gov.uk>; Mrs Sally Barber (HV Clerk) <clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: TTRO 13511 - Footpath Closure - HOL/31/40 - (Amended Dates)

Hello - I object to a 6 month closure over the spring and summer months when this is a popular walking route and forms a section of the River Holme way. Can you provide some details as to the nature of the work and why it will take so long ? I would be ok to accept a 2 month closure if the work warranted it but whomever is doing the job needs to get a move on and not sit on site for months !

The email has gone to Meltham TC and Kirkburton PC but not, Holme Valley PC which covers this area.

Thanks,

Charles

Cllr Charles Greaves

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Memorandum

To: Solicitor to the Council
FAO Debbie Otterburn

Our ref: 3.3.94/13511/KB
Your ref: None

Location **PROW HOL 31/40, Honley**
:- **Footpath closure –**
 From HOL/31/60 to Woodhead Road

I should be pleased if you would arrange for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order to be raised for the above location.

- a) I attach a copy plan indicating the extent of the restriction and the diversionary route.
- b) Pedestrians will have access to the points of the restriction.
- c) The Diversionary route will be:
Via Footpath HOL/31/60, Woodhead Road vice versa
- d) Please effect the Order on 28/03/22 – 28/09/22 (6months)
This order is required to carry out drainage works.

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