

Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Basic Conditions Statement

(Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)



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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Planning Practice Guidance (Paragraph: 065 Reference ID: 41-065-20140306)¹ sets out that only a draft neighbourhood Plan or Order that meets each of a set of basic conditions can be put to a referendum and be made. The basic conditions are set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The basic conditions are:
- a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the order (or neighbourhood plan).*
 - b) having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order. This applies only to Orders.*
 - c) having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order. This applies only to Orders.*
 - d) the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.*
 - e) the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).*
 - f) the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.*
 - g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Order (or plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order (or neighbourhood plan).*
- 1.2 In December 2018 a further Basic Condition was added relating to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. The NDP must not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (d).
- 1.3 This Basic Conditions Statement sets out how the Holme Valley NDP has been prepared to meet the basic conditions. It has been prepared as a supporting document for consideration by the NDP independent Examiner.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#basic-conditions-for-neighbourhood-plan-to-referendum>

2.0 Legal Requirements

2.1 The Submission Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body

This Submission Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body, namely Holme Valley Parish Council.

2.2 What is being proposed is a neighbourhood development plan

The plan being proposed relates to planning matters (the use and development of land) and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

2.3 The proposed Neighbourhood Plan states the period for which it is to have effect

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan states the period for which it is to have effect. That period is up to 2031 - the same period as the Kirklees Local Plan Strategy and Policies, adopted 27th February 2019, which covers the period 2013 – 2031.

Part of the NDP area lies within the Peak District National Park. The Local Development Framework Core Strategy was adopted in 2011 and sets out the vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the national park, and core policies to guide development and change in the National Park to 2026.

Part 2 of the Local Plan for the Peak District National Park, the Development Management Policies (DMP) document was adopted in May 2019 and will guide and manage development across the National Park alongside the adopted Core Strategy up to 2026.

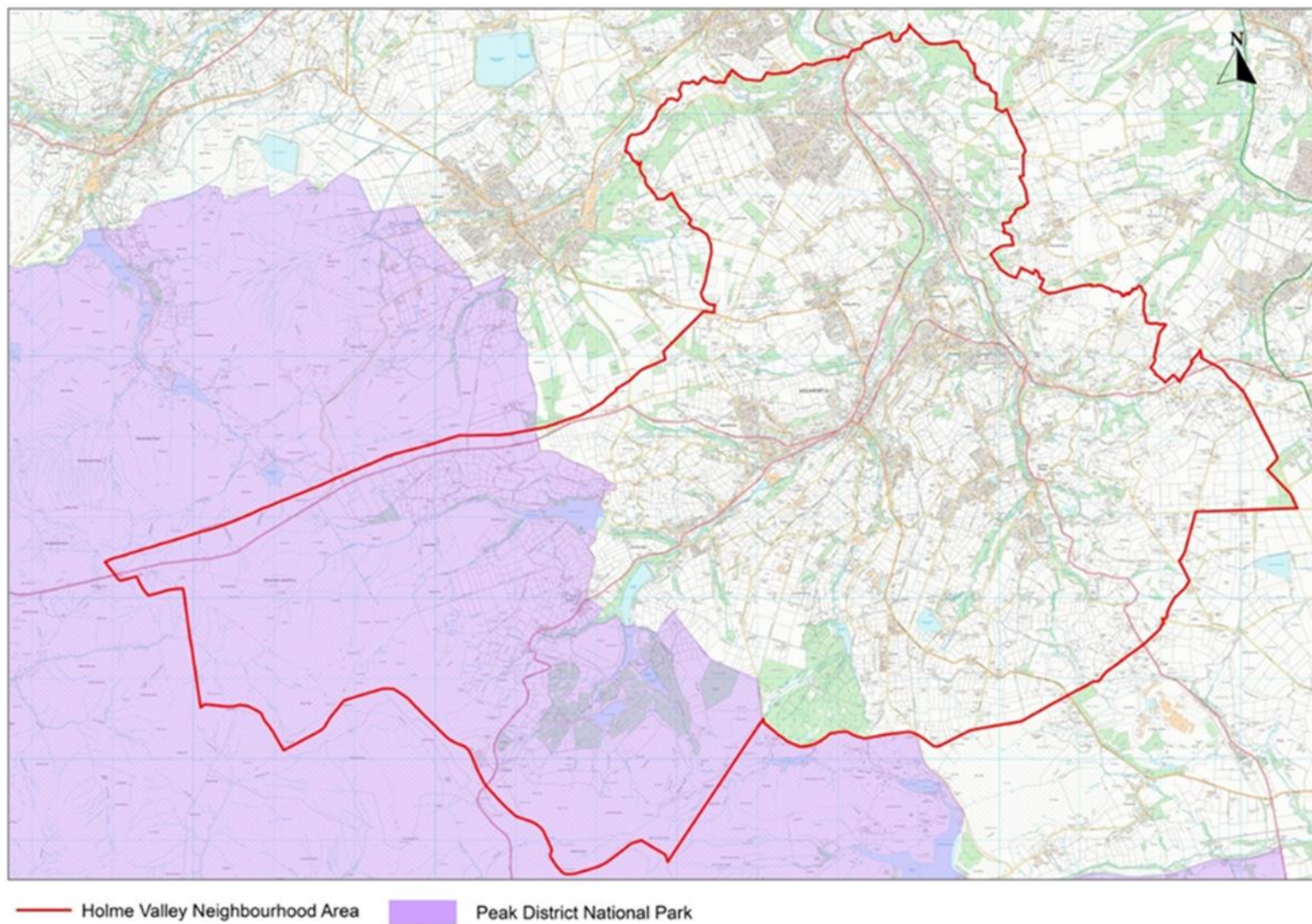
2.4 The policies do not relate to excluded development

The Neighbourhood Plan proposal does not deal with county matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2.5 The proposed Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other neighbourhood development plans in place within the neighbourhood area.

The Neighbourhood Plan proposal relates to the designated Holme Valley Neighbourhood Area and to no other area. There are no other Neighbourhood Plans relating to that neighbourhood area. The designated neighbourhood area shown on Map 1 in the NDP, reproduced below as Map 1. This map also identifies the parts of the neighbourhood area lying within Kirklees Council area and the Peak District National Park.

Map 1 Holme Valley Neighbourhood Area



3.0 Basic Conditions

3.1 a. Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan

The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared having appropriate regard to the policies set out in the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, February 2019)².

2. Achieving Sustainable Development

Paragraph 1 of the NPPF explains that '*The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied.*' Paragraph 7 sets out that '*The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.*' The planning system has 3 overarching objectives to achieve sustainable development (paragraph 8): an economic objective, a social objective and an environmental objective. These should be delivered through the preparation and implementation of plans (paragraph 9).

Table 1 sets out how the Holme Valley NDP delivers the 3 overarching Objectives:

Table 1 Delivering Sustainable Development

NPPF Overarching Objectives	Holme Valley NDP Policies and Proposals
<p><i>a) an economic objective – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;</i></p>	<p>Holme Valley NDP recognises the need to support suitable economic investment and growth, taking into account the area's rural location and constraints such as inclusion of part of the area within the Peak District National Park and Green Belt, built and natural heritage assets, distinctive landscape character and poor transport infrastructure.</p> <p>Objective D is to promote growth of the economy, employment and tourism in the Holme Valley.</p> <p>Policy 7: Supporting Economic Activity sets out that in the Kirklees Council area proposals will be supported which result in the creation or</p>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

	<p>sustainable expansion of existing and new businesses. Proposals will be assessed against criteria. Policy 7 also acknowledges the importance of the visitor and tourist economy to the area and proposals that contribute to and strengthen the visitor and tourist economy of Holme Valley are supported subject to criteria.</p> <p>Policy 8: Facilitating Development in Holmfirth Town Centre and Honley District Centre and Brockholes and New Mill Local Centres sets out that town centre uses will be encouraged where they help to enhance the viability and vibrancy of the centres. The Policy includes criteria to assess development proposals. The Policy also addresses the night time economy which the NDP notes is growing in Holmfirth and Honley with a proliferation of restaurants and bars.</p> <p>Infrastructure issues are a significant concern to local residents, businesses and the Parish Council, and the NDP seeks to respond positively to these concerns through both planning policies and identified complimentary actions. Objective G is to improve accessibility, infrastructure and movement around the Valley by promoting more sustainable transport choices.</p> <p>This objective will be delivered through Policy 11: Improving Transport, Accessibility and Local Infrastructure which addresses the major issues of traffic, accessibility and parking, Parish Actions 6, and Policy 14: Focusing Developer Contributions on Local Priorities which sets out that contributions will be sought to for various projects which meet identified aims.</p>
<p><i>b) a social objective –to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs</i></p>	<p>Holme Valley NDP recognises the importance of contributing to the social sustainability of the local community.</p> <p>Objective C is to promote the type of housing that meets the needs of the local population, and ensure that all new development meets</p>

<p><i>and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and</i></p>	<p>appropriate design and building standards.</p> <p>The recently adopted Kirklees Local Plan Allocations and Designations identifies 27 housing and mixed development sites in the Holme Valley, to deliver 1,087 homes. These are noted in the NDP and listed in Table 2 of the NDP.</p> <p>Policy 6: Building Homes for the Future sets out that in addition to the sites allocated by Kirklees Council in the Allocations and Designations DPD, new housing development will be supported within existing settlements subject to criteria. The Policy goes on to set out that all housing development should address the identified local housing need of the locality through density, size, tenure and type of development.</p> <p>The NDP has a strong emphasis on promoting health and wellbeing. Objective E is to promote education and life-long learning for all through investment in improved local community facilities and Objective F is to promote the health and well-being of residents.</p> <p>The neighbourhood area is extensive and includes multiple settlements with a wide range of facilities which are highly valued by residents. Policy 9: Protecting and Enhancing Local Community Facilities sets out the types of community facilities in the area which should be protected and supports proposals which will enhance education and community learning. Such proposals would be complimented by Holme Valley Parish Actions 5. In addition 4 Local Green Spaces are identified which are considered to be demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance.</p>
<p><i>c) an environmental objective - to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.</i></p>	<p>Holme Valley NDP has a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability. The neighbourhood area includes significant national and international areas of wildlife importance and part of the area lies within the Peak District National Park. The NDP area has an attractive Pennine landscape with a distinctive landscape character and many built</p>

	<p>heritage assets including 13 conservation areas, 451 listed buildings and 3 scheduled monuments.</p> <p>Objective A is to preserve and promote the distinctive characteristics of the Holme Valley and Objective B is to protect important open spaces, public views and landscape of the Holme Valley. These objectives will be delivered through various policies including NDP Policy 1: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape Character of Holme Valley which draws from a detailed Heritage and Landscape Assessment, Policy 2: Protecting and Enhancing the Built Character of the Holme Valley and Promoting High Quality Design, Policy 3: Conserving and enhancing local non-designated heritage assets, Policy 4: Design Codes for High Quality Shopfronts and Advertisements and Policy 5: Promoting High Quality Public Realm.</p> <p>Objective H is to promote sustainability, reduce impact on climate change and move towards a zero-carbon local economy. The NDP recognises the importance of sustainable design and energy efficiency and the need to reduce carbon emissions drastically in the current climate emergency. Policy 12: Promoting Sustainability requires major development proposals to include a sustainability statement which addresses a number of key identified requirements.</p>
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Paragraph 13 explains that the application of the presumption has implications for the way communities engage in neighbourhood planning. Neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies.

3. Plan Making

In Section 3 Plan Making, the NPPF sets out that 6 principles that plans should address. Table 2 sets out how the Holme Valley NDP addresses each of these in turn.

Table 2 Plan Making

NPPF Plan Making	Holme Valley NDP
a) be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development;	Holme Valley NDP has been prepared to contribute to sustainable development; Table 1 above sets out how the Plan's objectives, policies and proposals address economic, social and environmental objectives.
b) be prepared positively, in a way that is aspirational but deliverable;	<p>The NDP has been prepared positively to support new housing development in the neighbourhood area as set out in the adopted Kirklees Local Plan Strategy and Policies DPD. The NDP notes the numerous site allocations in the neighbourhood area identified in the adopted Kirklees Local Plan Allocations and Designations DPD and provides more detailed, locally appropriate policies to guide development decisions.</p> <p>The Parish Council, through the Steering Group, has worked hard to ensure policies are positively worded to 'support' and 'encourage' suitable and appropriate development. Policy criteria have been prepared through a thorough approach to community engagement and reflect local aspirations for high quality design which considers local context and character, and housing types and sizes which meet local needs.</p>
c) be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan-makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees;	Effective community engagement and public consultation have been the key priorities of the NDP Steering Group members from the very start of the NDP process. The Group has worked extremely hard to ensure the vision, objectives and planning policies reflect the aspirations and priorities of local stakeholders and residents, whilst balancing the requirements of Kirklees Council and other consultation bodies.

	<p>The accompanying Consultation Statement sets out the details of the extensive, wide ranging and multiple community consultation and engagement activities which have been undertaken since 2016 at all stages of the Plan's preparation.</p> <p>Briefly this has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 - Steering Group established comprising parish councillors, representatives of local stakeholder groups and residents • May to July 2017 - Issues and Options document prepared and published for consultation with questionnaire. Multiple drop in events held in various locations across the parish. Promoted using flyers, social media (Facebook), schools and informal networks • June to July 2018 - emerging first Draft Plan with vision, objectives and policies published for public consultation entitled 'Your Valley, Your Voice. Summary booklet delivered to local residential addresses, businesses etc and questionnaires returned using survey monkey or hard copies. • Mid 2019 Regulation 14 public consultation of Draft NDP • Further changes to Submission Draft Plan following additional comments from Kirklees Council and PDNP. <p>At each consultation stage representations have been considered carefully and appropriate amendments to the NDP made.</p>
<p>d) contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals;</p>	<p>The NDP policies and proposals have been prepared by a Steering Group on behalf of the Parish Council, with support from a planning consultant and planning officers at Kirklees Council.</p>

	Amendments have been made at key stages to improve the clarity and reduce ambiguity.
e) be accessible through the use of digital tools to assist public involvement and policy presentation; and	<p>Updates and documents have been provided on the NDP website at all stages of plan preparation.</p> <p>Social media has been used including Facebook, and groups and individuals have been kept informed about the process through email. Survey Monkey was used at First Draft Plan stage.</p>
f) serve a clear purpose, avoiding unnecessary duplication of policies that apply to a particular area (including policies in this Framework, where relevant).	The NDP has been amended and updated to reduce duplication with policies in the Kirklees Local Plan Peak District National Park Core Strategy and duplication with national policies.

The Plan Making Framework

Paragraph 18 sets out that policies to address non-strategic matters should be included in local plans that contain both strategic and non-strategic policies, and/or in local or neighbourhood plans that contain just non-strategic policies. The Holme Valley NDP contains non-strategic planning policies and proposals that add local detail and value to strategic policies in the Kirklees Local Plan and Peak District National Park Core Strategy. The supporting text refers to the strategic policies where relevant.

Non-strategic policies

Paragraph 29 advises that neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan. Neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies. Holme Valley NDP aims to provide locally detailed policies to ensure that growth proposals set out in the Kirklees Local Plan are supported provided they address locally relevant criteria set out in NDP policies.

Paragraph 30 goes on to say that once a neighbourhood plan has been brought into force, the policies it contains take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in a local plan covering the neighbourhood area, where they are in conflict; unless they are superseded by strategic or non-strategic policies that are adopted subsequently.

5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes

Paragraph 65 sets out that strategic policies should also set out a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development and any relevant allocations.

Holme Valley NDP notes the proposed site allocations in the neighbourhood area which are identified in the Local Plan to support the need to meet housing need in Kirklees. The NDP refers to the Local Plan which sets out that 1,087 homes across 27 different sites are identified in the Holme Valley NDP area. Additional site allocations are not identified in the NDP, however policies support further limited development subject to criteria.

6. Building a strong, competitive economy

Paragraph 83 advises that in rural areas planning policies should enable a) the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings; b) the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses; c) sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments which respect the character of the countryside; and d) the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship. The Holme Valley NDP supports sensitive conversion or redevelopment of existing buildings and proposals that contribute to and strengthen the visitor and tourist economy subject to in Policy 7: Supporting Economic Activity.

8. Promoting healthy and safe communities

Paragraph 91 sets out that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which promote social interaction, are safe and accessible and enable and support healthy lifestyles. The NDP includes policies which protect and encourage investment in local community facilities and open spaces and seeks to provide a safer environment for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

9. Promoting sustainable transport

Paragraph 102 advises that opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport use should be identified and pursued. In addition to Policy 11: Improving Transport, Accessibility and Local Infrastructure, various identified actions for the parish council include working with relevant bodies to improve traffic management, public transport, sustainable transport and parking.

11. Making effective use of land

Paragraph 118 advises that planning policies should a) encourage multiple benefits from both urban and rural land, including through mixed use schemes and taking opportunities to achieve net environmental gains – such as developments that would enable new habitat creation or improve

public access to the countryside; and b) recognise that some undeveloped land can perform many functions, such as for wildlife, recreation, flood risk mitigation, cooling/shading, carbon storage or food production. The Holme Valley NDP supports improvements in Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity in Policy 13 Protecting Wildlife and Securing Biodiversity Net Gain.

12. Achieving well-designed places

Paragraph 124 explains that the creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Paragraph 125 goes on to say that design policies should be developed with local communities so they reflect local aspirations, and are grounded in an understanding and evaluation of each area's defining characteristics. Neighbourhood plans can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development. The Holme Valley NDP includes several detailed policies which together promote high quality design which responds to existing character, context and heritage. All policies have been prepared with the close involvement of the local community.

14. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change

Paragraph 148 advises that the planning system should support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change. Paragraph 151 goes on to set out that to help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat, plans should c) identify opportunities for development to draw its energy supply from decentralised, renewable or low carbon energy supply systems and for co-locating potential heat customers and suppliers and in paragraph 152, local planning authorities should support community-led initiatives for renewable and low carbon energy, including developments outside areas identified in local plans or other strategic policies that are being taken forward through neighbourhood planning. Holme Valley NDP includes Policy 12 which seeks to limit carbon emissions in new development and promotes energy efficiency.

Planning and flood risk

Paragraph 157 sets out that plans should avoid, where possible, flood risk to people and property. They should do this, and manage any residual risk, by various measures including c) using opportunities provided by new development to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding (where appropriate through the use of natural flood management techniques). The NDP leaves detailed flood risk policies to the Kirklees Local Plan on the advice of Kirklees Council officers, to reduce duplication.

15. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

Paragraph 170 advises that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes and sites of biodiversity and recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. Policy 1 aims to protect and enhance local landscape character and Policy 13 recognises the importance of improving biodiversity in the area.

Ground conditions and pollution

Paragraph 180 sets out that planning policies and decisions should ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development. This includes considering such matters as noise and light pollution. The need to limit light pollution is addressed in Policy 2 and noise pollution is addressed in Policy 8.

16. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

Paragraph 184 advises that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource, and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations. Paragraph 185 goes on to say that plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment. The NDP has a strong focus on protecting and enhancing the heritage assets in the area and several policies reflect this as a propriety including Policy 1, Policy 2, Policy 3, Policy 4 and Policy 5.

3.2 b. Having Special Regard to the Desirability of Preserving any Listed Building or its Setting or any Features of Special Architectural or Historic Interest

The NDP notes that there are 451 listed buildings and 3 Scheduled Monuments in the Parish.

[Note: this Basic Condition only applies to Neighbourhood Development Orders but has been included for the sake of completeness].

3.3 c. Having Special Regard to the Desirability of Preserving or Enhancing Character or Appearance of any Conservation Area

The NDP area includes 13 conservation areas and Policy 2 provides design guidance for development in the conservation areas.

[Note: this Basic Condition only applies to Neighbourhood Development Orders but has been included for the sake of completeness].

3.4 d. Contributes to the Achievement of Sustainable Development

The Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan contributes strongly to the achievement of sustainable development. This is set out in more detail in Table 1 above in relation to the economic, social and environmental objectives of the NPPF.

3.5 e. In General Conformity with Strategic Local Planning Policy

The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with strategic Local Plan policies contained in the adopted Kirklees Local Plan and Peak District National Park Core Strategy. Table 3A sets out the way that the Neighbourhood Plan conforms to the relevant strategic planning policies in the Kirklees Local Plan and Table 3B considers general conformity with relevant policies in the Peak District National Park Core Strategy.

Table 3A General Conformity with Strategic Planning Policies in the Kirklees Local Plan Strategy and Policies, and Kirklees Local Plan Allocations and Designations, Adopted 27 February 2019

Holme Valley NDP Policies	Kirklees Local Plan - Strategic Policies and Site Allocations	General Conformity
<p>Policy 1: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape Character of Holme Valley</p> <p>Policy 1 applies to that part of the Neighbourhood Area where Kirklees Council is the local Planning Authority.</p> <p>Where possible proposals should retain and positively respond to those elements of the relevant Landscape Character Area which contribute to the distinct identity of the area as described in the Holme Valley Heritage and Character Assessment report.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA 3: Hade Edge Upland Pastures • CA 4: River Holme Settled Valley Floor • CA 5: Netherthong Rural Fringe • CA 6: Honley Village Centre • CA 7: River Holme Wooded Valley and • CA 8: Settled Slopes of the Holme Valley. <p>Development proposals should demonstrate how they have been informed by the different landscape and townscape elements which together contribute to the Key Characteristics</p>	<p>Policy LP2</p> <p>Place shaping</p> <p>All development proposals should seek to build on the strengths, opportunities and help address challenges identified in the Local Plan, in order to protect and enhance the qualities which contribute to the character of these places, as set out in the four sub-area statement boxes below:</p> <p><i>Statement Place Shaping - Kirklees Rural Strengths/opportunities for growth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Generally high levels of income.</i> - <i>Low unemployment.</i> - <i>The Huddersfield Narrow Canal, through Slaithwaite and Marsden and to Standedge provides a tourism and recreation asset.</i> - <i>Holmfirth town centre, rural diversification projects and proximity to the Peak District National Park can provide a tourism role for the Holme Valley.</i> - <i>The Kirklees Light Railway, connections to the Transpennine Trail and Bretton Park / Yorkshire Sculpture Park are assets for the Dearne Valley.</i> - <i>Rail links to Leeds, Huddersfield and Manchester from the Colne Valley with</i> 	<p>NDP Policy 1 sets out how development should protect and enhance local landscape character as described in detail in the Heritage and Landscape Assessment. The Policy supports change that is sensitive to local distinctiveness, protecting identified public views and important local features such as dry stone walls. Linkages to existing pedestrian routes are also promoted.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP2 Place shaping which identifies attractive landscape character including proximity to the Peak District National Park and Pennine foothills in the west and historic pre-industrial revolution villages outside of the valleys as a strength / opportunity for growth in the rural area.</p> <p>References to protecting and enhancing biodiversity in the NDP Policy are in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP30 which identifies the South Pennine Moors SPA and other statutory and locally designated sites as protected, and which requires development proposals to minimise impact on biodiversity and provide net biodiversity gains.</p>

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<p>and distinctive character of each of the identified Landscape Character Areas. Proposals should consider the Character Management Principles for each Landscape Character Area (see paragraph 4.1.17), in order to protect local heritage and character.</p> <p>Applicants also should have regard, where relevant, to the following aspects of local character which are described in Appendix 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement and Connectivity • Settlement and Built Form • Heritage Assets • Land Use and Land Cover • Greenspace and Public Realm and • Views. <p>Overall, proposals should aim to make a positive contribution to the quality of the built and natural environment and should not introduce or replicate changes which are unsympathetic and identified as issues to be addressed in the Holme Valley Heritage and Character Assessment report.</p> <p>In particular the design and siting of new development and associated landscaping schemes should address the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development should respect long distance public views from development to 	<p><i>stations at Marsden and Slaithwaite.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Rail links to Huddersfield and South Yorkshire, including Barnsley and Sheffield, on the Penistone line with stations at Honley, Brockholes, Stockmoor, Shepley and Denby Dale.</i> - <i>Dearne Valley has relatively good access to M1 and to South Yorkshire.</i> - <i>Attractive townscape, particularly in Holmfirth, Slaithwaite, Honley and Marsden.</i> - <i>Attractive landscape character including proximity to the Peak District National Park and Pennine foothills in the west and historic pre-industrial revolution villages outside of the valleys.</i> - <i>Market strength suggests brownfield opportunities are more viable.</i> - <i>Gentle slopes in the east provides opportunity to expand settlements.</i> - <i>Holmfirth town centre and District centres at Denby Dale, Kirkburton, Marsden, Meltham, Milnsbridge, Skelmanthorpe and Slaithwaite provide for day-to-day shopping needs, with other local centres.</i> - <i>Availability of local employment opportunities on existing employment sites, particularly in the Colne Valley, Meltham, Honley and Clayton West / Scissett.</i> <p>Challenges to growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Expansion of settlements in the upper Colne</i> 	<p>The NDP Policy is also in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP32 Landscape which requires proposals to be designed to take into account and seek to enhance the landscape character of the area and Policy LP33 which seeks to protect trees.</p>

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<p>the upland areas of CA 1: Wessenden Moors, CA 2: Holme Moorland Fringe and CA 3: Hade Edge Upland Pastures and protect public views towards any significant local landmarks as identified in the Heritage and Character Assessment report. In addition, views across the Valley must be considered, including from other areas looking towards the development scheme and proposals should pay particular regard to any long distance visual impacts on approaches to settlements, and along through routes. Overall development proposals should minimise any adverse visual impacts on the wider landscape setting of the development.</p> <p>2. All agricultural buildings in the Green Belt should comply with Kirklees Local Plan Policy PLP54 and should have appropriate screening and landscaping. Buildings should use neutral colours and tones to reduce visual impact.</p> <p>3. Boundary treatments should be sensitive to the relevant Landscape Character Area. Schemes should protect existing dry-stone walls wherever practicable and incorporate new dry-stone walls using natural stone in areas where these are a characteristic feature of the Landscape Character Area. Cast iron railings should be used in areas where these are a characteristic feature. Hedges</p>	<p><i>and Holme Valleys may be constrained by European protected habitats and species. Steep valley sides in the Colne Valley and Holme Valley.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Generally high house prices create problems of affordability for local people.</i> - <i>Limited opportunities for people to work and shop locally, more people in this part of Kirklees commute longer distances to work.</i> - <i>Historic settlement patterns and topography often mean that the highway network can be constrained by narrow lanes and pinch-points.</i> - <i>Relatively poor motorway access from the Colne Valley and Holme Valley.</i> - <i>Limited frequency of rail service and bus services into the evening.</i> - <i>Golcar, Holmfirth, Meltham, Skelmanthorpe, Scissett and Clayton West are other smaller settlements not served by the railway network.</i> - <i>Few brownfield opportunities from industrial legacy.</i> - <i>Loss of employment land to housing.</i> - <i>Conserving the historic environment, particularly Holmfirth Conservation Area which is on the Heritage at Risk Register.</i> <p>Policy LP30 Biodiversity & Geodiversity</p> <p>The council will seek to protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of Kirklees, including the range of international, national</p>	

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<p>should be retained and repaired.</p> <p>4. New major developments should include pedestrian linkages to existing tracks and routes.</p> <p>5. A full hard and soft landscaping scheme is to be submitted with all planning applications where appropriate. Landscaping schemes and planted boundary treatments should enhance Green Infrastructure. They should also use a suitable mix of native plant species, or other species where appropriate, in tree planting and hedgerows to support and enhance biodiversity in line with the Council’s Biodiversity Action Plan and the relevant Biodiversity Opportunity Zones. Regard should be had to the location, setting, species height, planting density and need for on-going maintenance and management, particularly in relation to future resilience linked to climate change. Careful consideration also should be given to the creation of a strong landscape structure throughout the site, appropriate to the setting. Planting of trees on hillsides and street planting will be encouraged to reduce flash flooding risks and increase health. Any large extensive planting schemes which are likely to impact on public views must include public consultation with the local community. Use of "green" or "living" and "blue" roofs is</p>	<p>and locally designated wildlife and geological sites, Habitats and Species of Principal Importance and the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.</p> <p>South Pennine Moors Proposals which may directly or indirectly compromise achieving the conservation objectives of a designated or candidate European protected site will not be permitted unless the proposal meets the conditions specified in Article 6 (3) - (4) of the Habitats Directive.</p> <p>Statutory Designated Sites Statutory designated sites, including the South Pennine Moors Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area for Conservation (SAC) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest, are already highly protected through existing laws and legislation. In accordance with legislation, the Council will seek to ensure that harmful impacts to these areas as a result of development proposals are avoided. Development proposed within or outside a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest, likely to have an adverse effect on the site's special nature conservation features, will not normally be permitted. Exceptionally development will be allowed where the benefits of the development clearly</p>	

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<p>encouraged where adverse impacts on local character and distinctiveness are minimised.</p>	<p>outweigh the impacts on the site's special conservation features and measures are provided to mitigate harmful impacts.</p> <p>The Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area Proposals that contribute to the aims and objectives of the Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area will in principle be supported, subject to other policies in this plan. Development likely to have an adverse impact on the aims and objectives of the NIA will not be permitted.</p> <p>Local Designated Sites & Important Local Ecological Features Proposals having a direct or indirect adverse effect on a Local Wildlife Site or Local Geological Site, Ancient Woodland, Veteran Tree or other important tree, will not be permitted unless the benefits of the development can be clearly shown to outweigh the need to safeguard the local conservation value of the site or feature and there is no alternative means to deliver the proposal. In all cases, full compensatory measures would be required and secured in the long term.</p> <p>Habitats and Species of Principal Importance Proposals will be required to protect Habitats and Species of Principal Importance unless the</p>	

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	<p>benefits of the development clearly outweigh the importance of the biodiversity interest, in which case long term compensatory measures will need to be secured.</p> <p>Biodiversity and Development Development proposals will be required to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) result in no significant loss or harm to biodiversity in Kirklees through avoidance, adequate mitigation or, as a last resort, compensatory measures secured through the establishment of a legally binding agreement; (ii) minimise impact on biodiversity and provide net biodiversity gains through good design by incorporating biodiversity enhancements and habitat creation where opportunities exist; (iii) safeguard and enhance the function and connectivity of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network at a local and wider landscape-scale unless the loss of the site and its functional role within the network can be fully maintained or compensated for in the long term; (iv) establish additional ecological links to the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network where opportunities exist; and (iv) incorporate biodiversity enhancement measures to reflect the priority habitats and 	

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	<p>species identified for the relevant Kirklees Biodiversity Opportunity Zone.</p> <p>Policy LP32 Landscape Proposals should be designed to take into account and seek to enhance the landscape character of the area considering in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the need to protect the setting and special qualities of the Peak District National park, views in and out of the park and views from surrounding viewpoints; b. the setting of settlements and buildings within the landscape; c. the patterns of woodland, trees and field boundaries; d. the appearance of rivers, canals, reservoirs and other water features within the landscape. <p>Policy LP33 Trees The Council will not grant planning permission for developments which directly or indirectly threaten trees or woodlands of significant amenity.</p> <p>Proposals should normally retain any valuable or important trees where they make a contribution to public amenity, the distinctiveness of a specific location or</p>	

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	<p>contribute to the environment, including the Wildlife Habitat Network and green infrastructure networks.</p> <p>Proposals will need to comply with relevant national standards regarding the protection of trees in relation to design, demolition and construction. Where tree loss is deemed to be acceptable, developers will be required to submit a detailed mitigation scheme.</p>	
<p>Policy 2: Protecting and Enhancing the Built Character of the Holme Valley and Promoting High Quality Design</p> <p>1) Local Character</p> <p>Proposals for new development and alterations to existing buildings should respect the Landscape Character Area in which they are located with reference to the Character Management Principles for each Landscape Character Area (see paragraph 4.1.17) and the Key Characteristics and distinctive character of each of the identified Landscape Character Areas (as set out in Appendix 7). Proposals should seek to protect and enhance local built character and distinctiveness and historic landscape character.</p>	<p>Policy LP2 Place shaping</p> <p>Policy LP24 Design</p> <p>Good design should be at the core of all proposals in the district and should be considered at the outset of the development process, ensuring that design forms part of pre-application consultation of a proposal. Development briefs, design codes and masterplans should be used to secure high quality, green, accessible, inclusive and safe design, where applicable. Where appropriate and in agreement with the developer schemes will be submitted for design review.</p> <p>Proposals should promote good design by</p>	<p>NDP Policy 2 sets out how development should be designed to protect and enhance built character by providing locally specific design guidance.</p> <p>This Policy is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP2 Place shaping which identifies attractive townscape and town centres as strengths / opportunities for growth in the rural area.</p> <p>Policy 2 also promotes high quality design and this is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP24 Design which sets out that good design should be at the core of all development proposals, and proposals should respect and enhance local character and Local Plan Policy LP35 Historic environment which sets out how development proposals should</p>

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<p>Suitable measures should be put in place to avoid any adverse impacts on heritage assets, including any conservation areas, and where infeasible, to minimise or mitigate damage.</p> <p>2) Sense of Place</p> <p>New developments should strengthen the local sense of place through use of local materials and detailing. Where historic features such as mill chimneys function as key focal points, they should be retained and restored as an integral part of new development schemes. Legibility improvements are encouraged such as signage, waymarking, trails and heritage focal points.</p> <p>3) Utilising Existing Assets</p> <p>Wherever possible, significant trees, internal boundaries and water courses on the site should be retained and incorporated in the new design. Proposals should consider the aspect of the site and the ways in which the site contours and vegetation can be used to provide areas of extensive shade or shelter. Advantage should be taken of sunny slopes in orientation of gardens and / or main elevations. Development of individual buildings and groups of buildings should utilise</p>	<p>ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the form, scale, layout and details of all development respects and enhances the character of the townscape, heritage assets and landscape; b. they provide a high standard of amenity for future and neighbouring occupiers; including maintaining appropriate distances between buildings and the creation of development-free buffer zones between housing and employment uses incorporating means of screening where necessary; c. extensions are subservient to the original building, are in keeping with the existing buildings in terms of scale, materials and details and minimise impact on residential amenity of future and neighbouring occupiers; d. high levels of sustainability, to a degree proportionate to the proposal, through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The re-use and adaptation of existing buildings, where practicable; ii. design that promotes behavioural change, promoting walkable neighbourhoods and making walking and cycling more attractive; iii. considering the use of innovative construction materials and techniques, including reclaimed and recycled materials; iv. where practicable, minimising resource use in the building by orientating buildings to utilise 	<p>protect heritage assets.</p>

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<p>site characteristics to improve energy efficiency and maximise use of renewable technologies.</p> <p>4) Innovation and Responding to Local Context</p> <p>The use of traditional materials and design will be supported. However, contemporary design and materials will be supported where the distinctive character of the area is enhanced or opportunities are identified for greater energy efficiency. Site layout should respect the existing grain of development in the surrounding area.</p> <p>5) Gated Communities</p> <p>Gated communities which restrict permeability are not characteristic of the Holme Valley area and will be resisted.</p> <p>6) Inclusivity and Accessibility</p> <p>Designs should promote inclusivity and promote accessibility for all and in particular have regard to the needs of the older population and those with mobility impairments.</p> <p>7) Public Spaces</p>	<p>passive solar design. This includes encouraging the incorporation of vegetation and tree planting to assist heating and cooling and considering the use of renewable energy;</p> <p>v. providing charging points to encourage the use of electric and low emission vehicles;</p> <p>vi. incorporating adequate facilities to allow occupiers to separate and store waste for recycling and recovery that are well designed and visually unobtrusive and allows for the convenient collection of waste;</p> <p>vii. designing buildings that are resilient and resistant to flood risk, where such buildings are acceptable in accordance with flood risk policies and through incorporation of multi-functional green infrastructure where appropriate;</p> <p>viii. designing places that are adaptable and able to respond to change, with consideration given to accommodating services and infrastructure, access to high quality public transport facilities and offer flexibility to meet changing requirements of the resident / user.</p> <p>e. the risk of crime is minimised by enhanced security, and the promotion of well-defined routes, overlooked streets and places, high levels of activity, and well-designed security features;</p> <p>f. the needs of a range of different users are</p>	

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<p>New development should make a positive contribution to the public realm. In particular, this should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear distinction between streets and other publicly accessible spaces and areas that are intended for private use; • A designed sequence of spaces that connects with and relates to the pattern of spaces already present in the area; • Where appropriate, the “greening” of public spaces by using trees and other suitable planting. • Open spaces should be designed to meet the needs of the development and located to satisfy their intended, specific function, such as toddler’s play, older children’s activities, sitting out, or visual amenity. <p>8) Built Form and Materials</p> <p>Designs should respect the scale, mass, height and form of existing locally characteristic buildings, as described in the Key Characteristics, and Settlement Patterns and Built Form, for each of the Landscape Character Areas in the Holme Valley Heritage and Character Assessment and Appendix 7 of the NDP. Materials must be chosen to</p>	<p>met, including disabled people, older people and families with small children to create accessible and inclusive places;</p> <p>g. any new open space is accessible, safe, overlooked and strategically located within the site and well integrated into wider green infrastructure networks;</p> <p>h. development contributes towards enhancement of the natural environment, supports biodiversity and connects to and enhances ecological networks and green infrastructure;</p> <p>i. the retention of valuable or important trees and where appropriate the planting of new trees and other landscaping to maximise visual amenity and environmental benefits; and</p> <p>j. the provision of public art where appropriate.</p> <p>Policy LP35 Historic environment</p> <p>1. Development proposals affecting a designated heritage asset (or an archaeological site of national importance) should preserve or enhance the significance of the asset. In cases likely to result in substantial harm or loss, development will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the proposals would bring substantial public benefits that clearly outweigh the harm, or all of the</p>	

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<p>complement the design of the development and add to the quality or character of the surrounding environment. Local millstone grit and stone flags should be used wherever possible.</p> <p>9) Scale and Proportion</p> <p>Scale, height and massing of development should be designed to reflect the setting and location of each individual site. Development should fit in and neither dominate nor have a detrimental impact on its surroundings and neighbouring properties.</p> <p>10) Mixed Uses</p> <p>If a shop or service is proposed as a part of a development scheme applicants will be encouraged to locate the facility where it is accessible to the wider community.</p> <p>11) Protecting Amenity</p> <p>Proposals should minimise impacts on general amenity and give careful consideration to noise, odour and light. Light pollution should be minimised, and security lighting must be appropriate, unobtrusive and energy efficient.</p>	<p>following are met:</p> <p>a. the nature of the heritage asset prevents all reasonable uses of the site;</p> <p>b. no viable use of the heritage asset itself can be found in the medium term through appropriate marketing that will enable its conservation;</p> <p>c. conservation by grant-funding or some form of charitable or public ownership is demonstrably not possible; and</p> <p>d. the harm or loss is outweighed by the benefit of bringing the site back into use.</p> <p>2. Proposals which would remove, harm or undermine the significance of a non-designated heritage asset, or its contribution to the character of a place will be permitted only where benefits of the development outweigh the harm having regard to the scale of the harm and the significance of the heritage asset. In the case of developments affecting archaeological sites of less than national importance where development affecting such sites is acceptable in principle, mitigation of damage will be ensured through preservation of the remains in situ as a preferred solution. When in situ preservation is not justified, the developer will be required to make adequate provision for excavation and recording before or during development.</p> <p>3. Proposals should retain those elements of the historic environment which contribute to</p>	

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	<p>the distinct identity of the Kirklees area and ensure they are appropriately conserved, to the extent warranted by their significance, also having regard to the wider benefits of development. Consideration should be given to the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ensure that proposals maintain and reinforce local distinctiveness and conserve the significance of designated and non-designated heritage assets; b. ensure that proposals within Conservation Areas conserve those elements which contribute to their significance; c. secure a sustainable future for heritage assets at risk and those associated with the local textile industry, historic farm buildings, places of worship and civic and institutional buildings constructed on the back of the wealth created by the textile industry as expressions of local civic pride and identity; d. identify opportunities, including use of new technologies, to mitigate, and adapt to, the effects of climate change in ways that do not harm the significance of heritage assets and, where conflict is unavoidable, to balance the public benefit of climate change mitigation measures with the harm caused to the heritage assets' significance; e. accommodate innovative design where this does not prejudice the significance of heritage assets; 	

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	f. preserve the setting of Castle Hill where appropriate and proposals which detrimentally impact on the setting of Castle Hill will not be permitted	
<p>Policy 3: Conserving and Enhancing Non-designated Heritage Assets</p> <p>A list of proposed non-designated heritage assets is identified in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan and further non-designated heritage assets may be identified during the plan period.</p> <p>The emerging list of non-designated heritage assets is provided in Appendix 2. Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP35 Historic Environment, in particular Parts 2 and 3a, and Policy DMC5 of the Peak District National Park Authority Part 2 Local Plan (Development Management Policies) will apply to all applications for development affecting the heritage assets, or their setting, once adopted.</p>	<p>Policy LP2 Place shaping</p> <p>Policy LP35 Historic environment</p>	<p>NDP Policy 3 sets out how development should conserve and enhance local non designated heritage assets which are in the process of being identified.</p> <p>Policy 3 is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP35 Historic environment which sets out how development proposals should protect heritage assets and notes the importance of non-designated heritage assets in criterion 2.</p>
<p>Policy 4: Design Codes for High Quality Shopfronts and Advertisements</p> <p>Design Principles for Shopfronts</p> <p>1) General Principles</p> <p>Shopfronts should be designed to integrate</p>	<p>Policy LP2 Place shaping</p> <p>Policy LP25 Advertisements and shop fronts</p> <p>Shop fronts, signs and advertisements make a significant contribution to the character and</p>	<p>NDP Policy 4 sets out detailed design codes for shop fronts and advertisements in the Holme Valley. These were prepared to be local specific to the context of the neighbourhood area.</p> <p>This Policy is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP25 which provides general advice</p>

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<p>into the existing building by respecting the period, scale and architectural style of the building and reflect the characteristics of the wider street scene.</p> <p>Proposals for new shopfronts, or alterations to existing shopfronts should consider the following design concepts to ensure that the proposal is sympathetic to the character and amenity of the locality.</p> <p>Designs should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Enclose and frame shop windows and entrances with essential visual and functional elements such as pilasters, fascias and stallrisers. Accurate and authentic detailing is essential; b) Use shopfronts that do not dominate the architecture of the main building; c) Avoid linking two or more buildings with one fascia unless historically already established by continuous architectural pattern or shop use; d) Make sure that shopfronts have individual distinctive identities with different stallriser heights, window designs and fascias that positively contribute to the character and integrity of the building and the complexity and diversity of the street scene; e) Make use of energy-efficient 	<p>local identity of the district's town centres.</p> <p>1. The development of new or replacement shop front units and display of advertisements will only be permitted if they satisfy the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the design is consistent with the character of the existing building in terms of scale, quality and use of materials; b. proposals respect the character of the locality and any features of historic, architectural, cultural or other special interest; c. the shop fascia is designed to be in scale, in its depth and width, with the façade and street scene of which it forms part. <p>2. Proposals for the alteration of existing shop fronts or installation of new shop fronts and display of advertisements on a Listed Building or within a Conservation Area should preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the building, the area in which it is located and any features of architectural or historical interest. Existing traditional shop fronts shall be retained and restored unless exceptional circumstances apply. Proposals for new shop fronts and advertisements must be of a high standard of design and be appropriate in style, scale and materials to the building and its setting.</p>	<p>for shopfronts and advertisements across the Kirklees area.</p>

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<p>measures with regard to any illumination arising from the shopfront, particularly through the use of LED lighting where appropriate; and</p> <p>f) Make use of recessed doorways, single and double to give more three-dimensional quality.</p> <p>g) Avoid use of uPVC windows in historic areas.</p> <p>2) Retention of Existing Shopfronts</p> <p>The retention of existing shopfronts, which contribute to the character of the building or area, will be encouraged and special care should be given to the preservation and sensitive restoration of original features where possible.</p> <p>3) Accessibility</p> <p>The sensitive alteration of existing traditional shops and town centre buildings to improve accessibility for all is supported. Accessibility should be improved wherever practically possible, provided the special interest of any historic building or buildings is not compromised. Overall proposals should not prejudice the character of the building or buildings and should have due regard for any features which make a particular building or</p>		

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<p>buildings special or significant.</p> <p>4) Fascias</p> <p>Proposals for shopfronts should seek to incorporate moulded cornices weathered with a properly detailed lead flashing above the fascia.</p> <p>5) Doors and Windows</p> <p>Stallrisers are encouraged to protect shop windows and provide a visual break between the window and the street surface. Designs for shopfronts should include part-glazed door panels that reflect the height of the stallriser and the sub-division of large areas of glass wherever possible.</p> <p>6) Shutters and Grilles</p> <p>Solid roller shutters and the introduction of shutter boxes to the exterior of buildings have an adverse visual impact and will be resisted in that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority. Any shopfronts in the Peak District National Park Authority part of Neighbourhood Area will not be permitted to have external security roller shutters.</p>		

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<p>The following suitable alternatives will be supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Security glass with alarm or internal cameras; b) A reduction in the size of window glass; c) Internal see-through shutters; or d) In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority only, external shutters that are removed during working hours - decorative options may be applicable, themed on shop trade e) In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority only, externally mounted open mesh roller shutters provided that the box housing is concealed behind the fascia or the extent to which it projects from the face of the building, does not result in increasing its depth or the creation of a sub-fascia. <p>Design Principles for Advertisements</p> <p>1) General Principles</p> <p>Any shopfronts within the Peak District National Park Authority part of Neighbourhood Area will not be permitted illuminated signs except in accordance with DMP DMS 5.</p>		

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<p>In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, where planning consent is required, proposals for fascia, hanging and projecting advertisement signs should complement the design of the building and shopfront.</p> <p>Cumulative impacts of advertisements should be considered in relation to street scene and visual clutter. Advertisements should not overly dominate the public realm or have an adverse impact on local character.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to an advertisement's impact on highway safety. Advertisements which are distracting to road users, by the virtue of their scale, design or positioning should be avoided.</p> <p>Illuminated signs should be treated as an integral part of the overall design, and should be discreet, and energy efficient.</p> <p>2) Fascia Signs</p> <p>Proposals for fascia signs should seek to sympathetically integrate the design of the fascia with the shopfront, making use of traditional design fascias. New illuminated boxed fascias that project from the face of the</p>		

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<p>building and the addition of new fascias on top of existing ones should be avoided.</p> <p>Lettering should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Convey the essential message of the retailer b) Either be a sign written onto the fascia or applied as individual lettering in a traditional manner directly to the structure of the building; c) Reflect the use and character of the shop and the building; d) Be of a style and size that relates to the area of the fascia or sign and building on which it is used; e) Use sensitive colours and appropriate shading and blocking of letters which reflect the local character and appearance of the area – for example in Conservation Areas bold bright colours are unlikely to be accepted; and f) Minimise impacts on the historic fabric of the building. <p>In instances where illuminated fascia signs are proposed, they should be sensitively designed in other to be sympathetic to both the building they are attached to and the surrounding area, particularly if situated in a historic area. Illumination of fascias should not be excessive or intrusive and should make use of energy efficient methods of lighting such as</p>		

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<p>via LED. Schemes should avoid light pollution into adjoining residential properties and not unnecessarily cause poorly directed light pollution elsewhere.</p> <p>3) Projecting Signs</p> <p>Projecting signs will be supported where they are sensitive to the design of the existing building and are a characteristic feature of the surrounding area.</p> <p>The use of internally illuminated projecting box signs that form a projecting part of a fascia should be avoided.</p> <p>Where a projecting sign is appropriate, proposals should make use of a traditional hanging sign, which is hung from a metal bracket that can add interest to the street without unobtrusive external illumination. Consideration should be given to the use of hanging symbols denoting the trade being carried on in the premises as an interesting and eye-catching alternative to a hanging board.</p> <p>Projecting signs should be of a high quality and relate to the size and scale of the existing building façade and do not appear either overly intrusive or inappropriately small.</p>		

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<p>Projecting signs should be carefully positioned to take into account the design and architectural detailing of the existing building – normally below the first-floor windows.</p> <p>Projecting signs will be restricted to one sign per building and should relate only to the business which occupies the premises.</p>		
<p>Policy 5: Promoting High Quality Public Realm and Improvements to Gateways and Highways</p> <p>Public Realm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposals for public realm improvements should enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike and should be an integral part of transport links through towns, settlements and villages. 2. Proposals for public realm enhancements will be supported subject to other policies where they: 3. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Are of a high-quality design and sensitive to the visual appearance of surrounding buildings and street scene, especially in the case of a Heritage Asset or within a Conservation Area; b) Where possible, enhance or open up views towards existing locations of interest, 	<p>Policy LP2 Place shaping</p> <p>Policy LP13 Town centre uses</p>	<p>NDP Policy 5 supports appropriate public realm improvements where they are of high quality design, and enhance local quality of life and accessibility.</p> <p>This Policy is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP2 Place shaping which requires proposals to protect and enhance the qualities which contribute to the character of places and Policy LP13 which requires proposals to conserve and enhance the local character, heritage, green spaces and the public realm where appropriate.</p>

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<p>such as the river or public spaces within the town and local centres, so that new developments improve rather than hide existing points of interest.</p> <p>c) Prioritise pedestrians and then cyclists, providing seating and safe, accessible routes for all.</p> <p>4. Where public realm enhancements are proposed as part of development schemes, proposals should include, where possible, cycle and car parking with electric charging points, clear and useful signage to local public transport facilities, and low energy street lighting.</p> <p>5. Large commercial bin storage areas should be suitably screened as part of proposals to enhance the public realm and improve waste management.</p> <p>1. To ensure a balance is achieved between highway safety and highway dominance, and to ensure that the character of a place is maintained whilst still enabling a safe and sustainable highway, the following principles should be applied:</p> <p>2.</p> <p>d) Design and materials in public realm improvements and highways schemes should be sensitive to local character.</p>		

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<p>e) Traffic dominance should be minimised through surface treatment and layout;</p> <p>f) Visual clutter should be limited;</p> <p>g) Provision of shared public space should be maximised whilst accommodating vehicular movement where necessary;</p> <p>h) Consideration should be given to accessibility for everyone;</p> <p>i) Consideration of Green Infrastructure should be built into the public realm where appropriate;</p> <p>j) Street furniture should not act as a hazard to pedestrians or distract motorists unnecessarily.</p> <p>k) Signage and interpretation should be clear and visually unobtrusive;</p> <p>l) Lighting should limit light pollution and the use of columns.</p> <p>Gateways and Highways</p> <p>Where major new residential or commercial development is close to gateways into the Holme Valley, for example at entry points along the main transport routes including roads along valley floors and at rail stations including as identified on Map 17 Key Gateways, consideration should be given to gateway improvements. Such improvements could include for instance, welcome signage,</p>		

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landscaping and planting and relevant information about visitor facilities.		
<p>Policy 6: Building Homes for the Future</p> <p>General Principles</p> <p>Policy 6 only applies to that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority.</p> <p>In addition to the sites allocated by Kirklees Council in the Allocations and Designations DPD, new housing development will be supported within existing settlements in areas not overwashed by the Green Belt.</p> <p>Proposals are required to address the following additional considerations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Wherever possible, proposals for residential development should include the redevelopment of previously developed (brownfield) sites or the conversion of other suitable buildings within existing settlements. 2) Housing should be suitable in terms of design, house size and tenure. 3) Conversion of mill buildings for low cost housing and apartments rather than demolition is preferred. Wherever possible 	<p>Policy LP3</p> <p>Location of new development</p> <p>Development proposals will be required to reflect the Spatial Development Strategy, Policy LP1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development and Policy LP2 Place Shaping. This means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Development should reflect: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the settlements size and function; and b. place shaping strengths, opportunities and challenges for growth; and c. spatial priorities for urban renaissance and regeneration; and d. the need to provide for new homes and jobs; 2) Development will be permitted where it supports the delivery of housing and employment growth in a sustainable way, taking account of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. delivering the housing and job requirements set out in the Local Plan; b. the need to maintain a supply of specific deliverable sites, in accordance with national policy and enabling the delivery of allocations set out in the Local Plan or in Neighbourhood Plans; c. ensuring that opportunities for development on brownfield (previously developed) sites are realised early in the plan, 	<p>NDP Policy 6 sets out local criteria to guide new housing development in Holme Valley. Such development will include both site allocations in the Local Plan and other windfall development which may come forward within existing settlements.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP3 which guides the location of new development according to the Spatial Development Strategy and Policy LP7 which supports the sustainable re-use of buildings and previously developed sites and promotes efficient densities of development which reflect local character.</p> <p>NDP Policy 6 also sets out how housing should address local priorities and needs for smaller properties, housing for older people and first time buyers and affordable housing. This is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP11 which requires housing developments to contribute to creating mixed and balanced communities in line with the latest evidence of housing need.</p> <p>The site allocations in the area are identified on the Policies map and listed in the Kirklees Local Plan Allocations and Designations DPD.</p>

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<p>proposals for conversions of former mill buildings to residential accommodation should include provision for suitable commercial or employment uses as part of mixed use schemes, including live / work type accommodation.</p> <p>4) Adequate parking for residents and visitors should be provided in accordance with the most up to date Kirklees parking standards as set out in Kirklees Council’s Highways Development Delivery Planning Pre-application and Application Advice Note in Appendix 4. Additional parking provision to accommodate visitors and delivery vans is encouraged to minimise additional on street parking on nearby roads.</p> <p>5) Developments should have good access to public transport routes and encourage walking and cycling by enhancing, expanding and linking to existing routes.</p> <p>6) Proposals will be expected to demonstrate that densities make best and efficient use of land and reflect local settlement character.</p> <p>House types and sizes</p>	<p>subject to maintaining a five year supply of housing land and to delivering the overall housing and jobs requirements;</p> <p>d. ensuring delivery of housing and jobs in smaller settlements to meet local housing and employment needs;</p> <p>e. ensuring that proposals have regard to connecting links to existing green and blue infrastructure networks;</p> <p>f. co-ordinating housing and employment land delivery with the provision of new infrastructure.</p> <p>g. providing access to a range of transport choices and access to local services.</p> <p>Policy LP7 Efficient and effective use of land and buildings</p> <p>To ensure the best use of land and buildings, proposals:</p> <p>a. should encourage the efficient use of previously developed land in sustainable locations provided that it is not of high environmental value;</p> <p>b. should encourage the reuse or adaptation of vacant or underused properties;</p> <p>c. should give priority to despoiled, degraded, derelict and contaminated land provided that it is not of high environmental value;</p> <p>d. will allow for access to adjoining undeveloped land so it may subsequently be</p>	

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<p>All major housing development schemes should demonstrate how they address the identified local housing need of the Rural West sub-area in terms of density, size, tenure and type of development. Schemes should provide suitable housing in response to the most up to date Strategic Housing Market Assessment.</p> <p>In particular new housing schemes for major development will be supported, subject to aligning with other policies within the HVNDP and Kirklees Local Plan and national planning policies, where they:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Include a mixture of one, two and three-bedroom properties for sale and rent. 2) Include housing designed to meet the needs of older people and properties for first time buyers. 3) Provide a suitable proportion of affordable housing in line with the recommendations in the Kirklees Local Plan and the NPPF. Priority will be given to the delivery of affordable housing and maximising the potential for meeting identified local needs and local affordable needs from appropriate individual development opportunities. 	<p>developed.</p> <p>Housing density should ensure efficient use of land, in keeping with the character of the area and the design of the scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. developments should achieve a net density of at least 35 dwellings per hectare, where appropriate; b. higher densities will be sought in principal town centres and in areas close to public transport interchanges c. lower densities will only be acceptable if it is demonstrated that this is necessary to ensure the development is compatible with its surroundings, development viability would be compromised, or to secure particular house types to meet local housing needs; d. more detailed density requirements may be set out in area actions plans, neighbourhood plans, supplementary planning documents and development briefs, where appropriate. <p>Policy LP11 Housing Mix and Affordable Housing</p> <p>All proposals for housing, including those affecting the existing housing stock, will be of high quality and design and contribute to creating mixed and balanced communities in</p>	

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<p>4) Provide new housing through a Community Right to Build Order or other community led housing project including self-build schemes.</p>	<p>line with the latest evidence of housing need. All proposals for housing must aim to provide a mix (size and tenure) of housing suitable for different household types which reflect changes in household composition in Kirklees in the types of dwelling they provide, taking into account the latest evidence of the need for different types of housing. This includes consideration of provision for those with specialist needs. For schemes of more than 10 dwellings or those of 0.4ha or greater in size, the housing mix should reflect the proportions of households that require housing, achieving a mix of house size and tenure. The council encourages the inclusion of appropriate design elements that ensure buildings are suitable or can be adapted to meet the needs of people needing specialist accommodation at present and into later life. The council will encourage proposals for custom/self build homes where consistent with other policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Taking into account the annual overall shortfall in affordable homes, the council will negotiate with developers for the inclusion of an element of affordable homes in planning applications for housing developments of more than 10 homes, including proposals involving self-contained residential units. The proportion of affordable homes should be</p>	

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	<p>20% of the total units on market housing sites. The proportion may be less where viability evidence demonstrates that there are development costs which would otherwise prejudice the implementation of the proposal. Achievement of a higher proportion of affordable housing on sites will be encouraged.</p> <p>The affordable homes should be incorporated within the development but where justified, a financial contribution of at least equal value may be accepted to provide affordable homes elsewhere or to re-use or improve the existing housing stock.</p> <p>The affordable housing provision should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. cater for the type of affordable need identified in the latest housing evidence in terms type, tenure, size and suitability to meet the needs of specific groups; b. incorporate appropriate arrangements to retain the benefits of affordability for initial and subsequent occupiers or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision; and c. be indistinguishable from market housing in terms of achieving the same high quality of design. <p>Exceptionally, planning permission may be</p>	

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	<p>granted for affordable homes on land which would not normally be permitted for housing development, where there is otherwise little prospect of meeting robustly evidenced local needs particularly for housing to rent by people who work locally. Where appropriate, such schemes must include arrangements for the homes to remain affordable in perpetuity.</p> <p>Kirklees Local Plan Allocations and Designations</p> <p>Policy LP65 Housing allocations The sites listed below are allocated for housing in the Local Plan. Planning permission will be expected to be granted if proposals accord with the development principles set out in the relevant site boxes, relevant development plan policies and as shown on the Policies Map.</p> <p>(Various sites identified)</p> <p>Policy LP67 Mixed use allocations The sites listed below are allocated for mixed use development in the Local Plan. Planning permission will be expected to be granted if proposals accord with the development</p>	

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	<p>principles set out in the relevant site boxes, relevant development plan policies and as shown on the Policies Map.</p> <p>(Various sites identified including MXS12)</p>	
<p>Policy 7: Supporting Economic Activity</p> <p>Policy 7 only applies to that part of the Neighbourhood Area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority.</p> <p>Supporting Businesses in the Holme Valley</p> <p>In addition to site allocations in the Kirklees Local Plan, proposals will be supported which result in the creation or sustainable expansion of existing and new businesses , particularly those defined as micro (sole traders or those with fewer than ten fewer employees) or small (ten to fifty employees) in all business sectors.</p> <p>Such proposals will be supported where the following all apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The site is located outside the Green Belt; 2) The proposal supports new business investment or the expansion of an existing business within its existing site; 	<p>Policy LP3 Location of new development</p> <p>Policy LP7 Efficient and effective use of land and buildings</p> <p>Policy LP8 Safeguarding employment land and premises</p> <p>1. Proposals for development or re-development for employment generating uses (as defined in the Glossary) in Priority Employment Areas will be supported where there is no conflict with the established employment uses (as defined in the Glossary) in the area. In instances where the site is out of centre and the proposal includes main town centre uses then policy LP13 will need to be applied.</p> <p>2. Within Priority Employment Areas, proposals for redevelopment resulting in a non-employment generating use, or for the conversion or change of use of sites and premises in use or last used for employment, will only be supported where:</p>	<p>NDP Policy 7 supports suitable investment in employment development subject to local criteria. The Policy promotes development within existing settlements and where proposals use previously developed sites or re-use buildings, in accordance with Local Plan Policies LP3 and LP7. The Policy is also in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP8 which supports employment development in Priority Employment Areas, including sites in Holmfirth and Honley as identified in Table 4 Kirklees Rural Priority Employment Areas in the Kirklees Local Plan Allocations and Designations DPD.</p> <p>Policy 7 also notes the importance of the growing tourism and visitor economy in the area and is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP10 which sets out that the economic performance of the rural area will be improved by supporting and increasing tourism related development, including encouraging new facilities and accommodation for tourists.</p>

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<p>3) The proposal is for the sensitive conversion or redevelopment of existing buildings or makes use of a previously developed site;</p> <p>4) The site is connected to the existing highway and transport network and will not generate additional and unacceptable adverse traffic impacts on surrounding roads;</p> <p>5) The site is large enough to accommodate the necessary car parking, service areas and appropriate landscaped areas;</p> <p>6) The proposals take account of their impact on the natural environment and contribute to the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty and distinctive local character of the landscape; and</p> <p>7) The proposals recognise the overall aim to reduce carbon emissions through sustainable design and promoting access by walking, cycling and public transport.</p> <p>Where the proposal is part of a farm diversification scheme or comprises new development within the Green Belt, it must be acceptable having regard to Green Belt policy and Kirklees Council’s Local Plan Policy LP10.</p> <p>Supporting Homeworking</p>	<p>a. it can be demonstrated that the site or premises are no longer capable of employment use; and</p> <p>b. the proposed use is compatible with neighbouring uses and where applicable, would not prejudice the continued use of neighbouring land for employment.</p> <p>Policy LP10 Supporting the rural economy</p> <p>1. The economic performance of the rural economy will be improved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. supporting the rural digital economy; b. supporting the needs of small and medium sized enterprises; c. increasing local employment opportunities; d. supporting and increasing tourism related development, including encouraging new facilities and accommodation for tourists; e. supporting sustainable business clusters, business incubation, business start-up proposals and home working; f. supporting farm diversification schemes, where the proposal would not adversely affect the management and viability of any farm holding, and in the case of farm shops, the goods to be sold are primarily those which are produced on the host farm or neighbouring farms. <p>2. In all cases where development is proposed</p>	

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<p>Proposals which promote the role of home-working within the economy will be supported. These include, where planning permission is required, improvements to broadband and telecommunications infrastructure and small-scale extensions to existing residential dwellings which are subsidiary to the main dwelling, subject to other policies in the NDP, Kirklees adopted Local Plan Policies LP10 and LP20 and national planning policies.</p> <p>Development proposals should incorporate suitable infrastructure to support integrated communication technologies as part of the initial design process.</p> <p>Encouraging Tourist and Visitor Facilities</p> <p>Proposals that contribute to and strengthen the visitor and tourist economy of Holme Valley are supported. These include the creation of new accommodation and tourism facilities through the conversion of existing buildings or associated with existing attractions and new development, where proposals are acceptable having regard to other local and national policies.</p> <p>All proposals must demonstrate how they</p>	<p>in the Green Belt regard must be had to the relevant policies in this plan and relevant national planning policy.</p> <p>3. Development proposals will not be supported where they would adversely impact on areas of particular environmental sensitivity, such as the Peak District National Park, and where proposals would lead to unsustainable development, contrary to other policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>4. Development proposals for main town centres uses that are above 150 square metres in non-urban areas* and in out of centre locations will only be permitted where identified needs of the business cannot be met within existing centres or in edge of centre locations.</p> <p>*Non-urban areas are defined as areas or land located within the Green Belt.</p> <p>Policy LP16 Food and drink uses and the evening economy Proposals for food and drink, licensed entertainment uses and associated proposals will be supported, provided they are located within a defined centre, and subject to: ensuring the concentration of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses are not</p>	

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<p>meet the following specific criteria:</p> <p>1) In all cases where development is proposed in the Green Belt, regard must be had to relevant local and national Green Belt planning policies.</p> <p>2) Development for new and of existing caravan, chalet, camping, cabin or lodge style developments, or other visitor accommodation, may be supported where they:</p> <p>a) Address other policies in the NDP and Kirklees Local Plan and national planning policies;</p> <p>b) Contribute to improving the offer to tourists;</p> <p>c) Are appropriately screened;</p> <p>d) Provide adequate car parking spaces;</p> <p>e) Are accessible to people with disabilities;</p> <p>f) Contribute to the conservation of the landscape character and natural environment, do not have a material adverse impact on the natural beauty of the area;</p> <p>g) Do not generate additional traffic movements of a scale and type likely to have material adverse impact on highway safety and efficiency, neighbouring properties and other existing users of the area; and</p>	<p>located in a particular centre or part of a centre, where they would result in harm to the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre, either individually or cumulatively. In order to assess the potential harm of food and drink and licensed entertainment proposals on a centre, the following criteria will be considered with a planning application:</p> <p>a. the number, distribution and proximity of other food and drink uses, including those with unimplemented planning permission in a particular centre;</p> <p>b. the impacts of noise, general disturbance, fumes, smells, litter and late night activity, including those impacts arising from the use of external areas;</p> <p>c. the potential for anti-social behaviour to arise from the development, having regard to the effectiveness of available measures to manage potential harm through the use of planning conditions and / or obligations;</p> <p>d. the availability of public transport, parking and servicing;</p> <p>e. highway safety;</p> <p>f. the provision of refuse storage and collection; and</p> <p>g. the appearance of any associated extensions, flues and installations.</p> <p>Proposals for food and drink uses and licensed entertainment uses located outside of defined centres will be subject to criteria b to g set out</p>	

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<p>h) Mitigate any adverse impact on the capacity of road, sewerage or other infrastructure and contain adequate provision for parking and access for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>above and also require the submission of a Sequential Test and Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Kirklees Local Plan Allocations and Designations</p> <p>Policy LP64 Employment allocations</p> <p>The sites listed below are allocated for employment uses (as defined above) in the Local Plan. Planning permission will be expected to be granted if proposals accord with the development principles set out in the relevant site boxes, relevant development plan policies and as shown on the Policies Map.</p> <p>Proposals for office use on these allocations, that are not considered as ancillary would need to comply with Policy LP13 of the Local Plan.</p> <p>(Various sites identified and see Table 4 Kirklees Rural Priority Employment Areas)</p>	
<p>Policy 8: Facilitating Development in Holmfirth Town Centre and Honley District</p>	<p>Policy LP2 Place shaping</p>	<p>NDP Policy 8 promotes suitable town centre uses in Holmfirth town centre, Honley District</p>

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<p>Centre and Brockholes and New Mill Local Centres</p> <p>Within Holmfirth Town Centre and Honley District Centre, development for retail, leisure, office, commercial, cultural and tourism and other main town centre uses will be encouraged where they help enhance the viability and vibrancy of the centres.</p> <p>Development proposals in town, district and local centres will be assessed against the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) New developments and changes of use should complement existing provision and ensure that the town, district or local centre offer provides a range of uses appropriate for the relevant type of centre. Care should also be taken to ensure that development does not adversely affect other amenities and facilities, such as open and green space. 2) Proposals should ensure that there is adequate provision for pedestrians, sufficient cycle and car parking (including electric charging points) and public transport facilities within walking distance, clear and useful signage, facilities for the disposal of litter and sustainable street lighting. 3) Retail development should be located in one of the primary shopping areas as set 	<p>Policy LP3 Location of new development</p> <p>Policy LP7 Efficient and effective use of land and buildings</p> <p>Policy LP13 Town centre uses</p> <p>A. Within Kirklees, main town centre uses shall be located within defined centres (principal town centres, town centres, district centres, and local centres), as shown on the Policies and Town Centre Maps, and as detailed in the shopping centre hierarchy and then in accordance with the sequential test.</p> <p>Main town centre uses which are appropriate in scale, help to retain an existing centre's market share, and enhance the experience of those visiting the centre and the businesses which operate in that centre will be supported. The scale and types of services</p>	<p>Centre and Brockholes and New Mill Local Centres, encouraging a balance of different and complimenting uses including residential, retail and leisure, and improvements to the public realm.</p> <p>NDP Policy 8 goes on to support appropriate investment in the night time economy subject to criteria, in line with Local Plan Policy LP16 Food and drink uses and the evening economy.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP2 which sets out the Spatial Development Strategy and Policy LP3 which advises that development should reflect:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the settlements size and function; and b. place shaping strengths, opportunities and challenges for growth; and c. spatial priorities for urban renaissance and regeneration. In addition Policy LP7 promotes the re-use of existing buildings and previously developed sites. <p>The Policy is also in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP13 which sets out the main town centre uses and defines the centres and their different roles and functions, and their retail frontages.</p>

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<p>out in NPPF and Local Plan Policy PLP 13, part B. If outside the primary shopping area, retail proposals are subject to the sequential test .</p> <p>4) The re-use of upper floors for residential use and other uses is supported in accordance with Kirklees’ Local Plan.</p> <p>5) Distinctive and detailed historic architectural features of buildings should be retained and enhanced in accordance with NDP Policy 4.</p> <p>Business premises should contribute towards retaining the historic nature of the town and district centres by maintaining their varied and interesting frontages for instance through the retention and enhancement of traditional shop fronts as set out in Policy 4.</p> <p>Within the primary shopping areas of Holmfirth Town Centre and Honley District Centre the majority (i.e. 60% - 70%) of ground floor frontages should remain as retail (A1) uses and 40% in the secondary shopping areas.</p> <p>Proposals which would lead to the loss of</p>	<p>expected within each centre are set out in Delivery of Services Table as shown below .</p> <p>Proposals that have a significant adverse impact on the vitality and viability of a centre, or compromise the role and function of a centre will not be supported.</p> <p>Centres shall provide a mix of uses to serve the local community, businesses and visitors to the district.</p> <p>The uses shall complement each another whilst retaining a strong retail core. Centres in Kirklees shall aim to provide a range of uses to support the daytime and evening economy.</p> <p>The creation of new Local Centres in areas of significant residential growth or where there are deficiencies in the existing network of centres will be supported, where it can be demonstrated that existing centres cannot be expanded to deliver local services, and subject to the sequential test and impact assessment as set out in B and C below.</p> <p>All proposals shall be inclusive for all users, and be attractive to pedestrians, cyclists, and public transport users. They shall also conserve and enhance the local character, heritage, green spaces and the public realm</p>	<p>Policy LP15 Residential use in town centres supports residential uses in town centre provided shopping areas are protected, residential amenity is addressed and there is suitable access, parking and waste disposal provision.</p>

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<p>retail units should be supported by evidence to demonstrate that their continued use for retail is no longer viable, or that an alternative use would enhance the viability and vitality of the town centre.</p> <p>Within Brockholes and New Mill local centres, development for top-up shopping and local services, particularly food and drink as set out in Local Plan Policy LP13, will be considered acceptable in principle providing:</p> <p>6) They satisfy other policies elsewhere in the NDP and Kirklees Local Plan and national planning policies;</p> <p>7) Suitable mitigation measures are provided to address any adverse impacts on residential amenity resulting from additional noise, smell and visual intrusion;</p> <p>8) They are of an appropriate scale in relation to the centre; and</p> <p>9) The amenities of local or adjoining residents or users are protected.</p>	<p>where appropriate.</p> <p>Level Defined Centres</p> <p>2. Town Centre - Holmfirth</p> <p>3. District Centre - Honley</p> <p>4. Local Centre - There are 61 local centres as set out in the Local Plan - Allocations and Designations document.</p> <p>Role and Function</p> <p>2. Town Centre Provide for the shopping needs of residents across Kirklees mainly in the convenience (food) goods sector. Be the focus for the local provision of financial services; offices; entertainment and leisure facilities; arts, culture and tourism facilities, further education; and health services.</p> <p>3. District Centre Provide a range of shopping for everyday needs and serving specialist markets. Be the local focus for basic financial services, food and drink, entertainment, leisure and tourist facilities, and health services.</p> <p>4. Local Centre Provide for top-up shopping and local services particularly food and drink.</p> <p>B. Sequential Test - Proposals which come forward for main town centre uses, which are located outside of the defined centre boundaries, will require the submission of a</p>	

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	<p>Sequential Test. For retail proposals the boundary shall form the Primary Shopping Area; for all other main town centre uses this shall be the extent of the centre boundary. Main town centre uses shall be first located in the defined centres, then edge of centre locations, and only if there are no suitable sites shall out of centre locations be considered. For offices and small scale proposals in non urban areas*, the sequential approach will not be required for proposals of 150 square metres and under.</p> <p>The scope and content of any Sequential Test shall be agreed with the council and shall be reflective of the scale, role and function of the proposal. Proposals which fail to pass the sequential test will not be supported.</p> <p>C. Impact Assessment - An Impact Assessment will be necessary for proposals (including the formation of mezzanine floors) for/or which include retail, leisure and office developments which are not located within a defined centre where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proposal provides a floorspace greater than 500 sq.m gross; or the proposal is located within 800 metres of the boundary of a Town Centre or District Centre and is greater than 300 sq.m gross; or the proposal is located within 800 metres of the boundary of a Local Centre and is greater than 200 sq.m gross. 	

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	<p>The scope and content of any Impact Assessment shall be agreed with the Council and shall be reflective of the scale, role and function of the proposal.</p> <p>Proposals which would have a significant adverse impact on surrounding centres shall not be supported.</p> <p>Policy LP14 Shopping frontages Within Kirklees the hierarchy of centres and extent of these centres has been set out on the Policies Map, Town Centre Maps and in the Shopping Centre Hierarchy shown in the Town Centre Uses policy.</p> <p>Within Principal and Town Centres, Primary Shopping Areas, Primary Shopping Frontages and Secondary Shopping Frontages have been defined to ensure a strong retail core to these centres, and focus main town centres uses within defined areas. The designations will be used for the following purpose:</p> <p>Primary Shopping Area - the retail core individually defined for each town centre. For District Centres this will be the full extent of the defined centre boundary, where retail uses and other main town centre uses are focused.</p> <p>Uses within Primary Shopping Areas will be expected to maintain or provide active ground floor uses. Retail uses within the above areas</p>	

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	<p>will be supported.</p> <p>Primary Shopping Frontages - frontages within the Primary Shopping Area in Principal and Town Centres that contain predominantly retail uses and where further retail uses will be focused.</p> <p>Within the Primary Shopping Frontages as defined on the Town Centre Maps, at street level, proposals should seek to continue retail uses in order to retain vitality and viability within the Centre and the strong retail core. Retail will remain the predominant use on each primary shopping frontage. Other main town centre uses will be acceptable where the frontage remains predominately in retail use taking account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number, proximity, distribution of uses other than retail and the level of vacancy of ground floor units, and the duration of vacancy; b. the location and prominence of the unit within the primary shopping frontage; c. the nature of the proposed use, including the associated level of activity, hours of operation, whether a shop front would be incorporated and whether it would complement neighbouring uses; and d. in all cases proposals including changes of use shall seek to either retain, enhance or replace to improve shop front design and layout. 	

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	<p>Secondary Frontages - frontages within and adjacent to the Primary Shopping Area in Principal and Town Centres that are not designated as Primary Shopping Frontages. These frontages are characterised by a mix of retail and other ‘main town centre uses’ . Within the Secondary Shopping Frontages as defined on the Town Centre Maps, at street level, proposals for retail and other main town centre uses will be acceptable provided they meet criteria a, taking into account criteria b and c:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. whether the proposal would lead to a dominance of non-retail uses in a particular frontage which would undermine the retail core and function of the Primary Shopping Area; b. the nature of the proposed use, including the associated level of activity, hours of operation, whether a shop front would be incorporated and whether it would complement neighbouring uses; and c. in all cases proposals and changes of use shall seek to either retain, enhance or replace to improve shop front design and layout. <p>Policy LP15 Residential use in town centres Proposals for residential uses (including student accommodation) within the defined town centres as set out on the Policies Map</p>	

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	<p>will be supported subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the protection of primary shopping areas, primary and secondary shopping frontages, and space for other main town centre uses within the defined centre. Residential proposals in these areas shall normally only be permitted on upper floors, and shall not prejudice existing established uses; b. the protection of the character of the centre, and the local street scene. Proposals should retain and enhance the design and heritage features of buildings; c. the protection and retention of existing ground floor uses and active frontages both within and outside the primary shopping area, d. the protection of the amenity of existing residents and future occupiers of the proposed residential use in accordance with amenity and design policies within the plan, and will in particular consider matters such as privacy, noise and air quality; e. the provision of space for the storage of sustainable modes of transport such as bicycles, where appropriate charging points of electric vehicles, and access to public transport; f. the provision of space for vehicular parking which is appropriate to the scale of the proposal, particularly where it would otherwise cause highway and pedestrian safety concerns; 	

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	g. provision of affordable housing in accordance with policies set out in the Local Plan; and h. the provision of refuse storage and collection	
<p>Policy 9: Protecting and Enhancing Local Community Facilities</p> <p>Community facilities are defined as facilities which are of value to the local community and they will be protected and enhanced where possible. Examples are given in paragraph 4.7.10.</p> <p>The loss or change of use of community facilities to non-community uses will only be supported where all of the following apply:</p> <p>1) It has been demonstrated that it is in accordance with relevant policies of the Kirklees Local Plan and Peak District National Park Core Strategy; and</p> <p>2) It can be demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its ongoing provision is not viable, or • It is no longer needed or justified, or • That the provisions offered by the facility can be accommodated at an equal or higher standard elsewhere in the local area in an equally accessible location, or • That the new use meets another 	<p>Policy LP31 Strategic Green Infrastructure Network</p> <p>Within the Strategic Green Infrastructure Network identified on the Policies Map, priority will be given to safeguarding and enhancing green infrastructure networks, green infrastructure assets and the range of functions they provide. Development proposals within and adjacent to the Strategic Green Infrastructure Network should ensure:-</p> <p>(i) the function and connectivity of green infrastructure networks and assets are retained or replaced;</p> <p>(ii) new or enhanced green infrastructure is designed and integrated into the development scheme where appropriate, including natural greenspace, woodland and street trees;</p> <p>(iii) the scheme integrates into existing and proposed cycling, bridleway and walking routes, particularly the Core Walking and Cycling Network, by providing new connecting links where opportunities exist;</p>	<p>NDP Policy 9 provides protection to various types of community facilities and buildings in Holme Valley which are identified in the supporting text.</p> <p>Policy 9 is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP31 which identifies a strategic green infrastructure network and green infrastructure assets including open spaces.</p> <p>Policy 9 is also in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP47 which sets out that healthy, active and safe lifestyles will be enabled by facilitating access to a range of high quality, well maintained and accessible open spaces and play, sports, leisure and cultural facilities and increasing access to recreational facilities and protecting playing pitches.</p> <p>The Policy is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP48 Community facilities and services which supports proposals that protect, retain or enhance provision, quality or</p>

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<p>community need or offers alternative community benefit; and</p> <p>3) It can be demonstrated that every attempt has been made to identify and support local community or voluntary groups wishing to continue the operation of the facility.</p> <p>Education, Health and Community Learning</p> <p>1) Proposals to create, expand or alter schools will be supported, whilst recognising the ongoing social value of small, community based schools.</p> <p>2) The expansion of health provision in the Valley will be supported.</p> <p>3) Proposals to expand the provision of Forest Schools and natural play environments, and to improve provision of accessible natural and semi natural greenspace, amenity greenspace and allotments, will be supported subject to being in accordance with other policies.</p>	<p>(iv) the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and ecological links, particularly within and connecting to the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.</p> <p>The council will support proposals for the creation of new or enhanced green infrastructure provided these do not conflict with other Local Plan policies.</p> <p>Policy LP47 Healthy, active and safe lifestyles The council will, with its partners, create an environment which supports healthy, active and safe communities and reduces inequality. Healthy, active and safe lifestyles will be enabled by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. facilitating access to a range of high quality, well maintained and accessible open spaces and play, sports, leisure and cultural facilities; b. increasing access to green spaces and green infrastructure to promote health and mental well-being; c. the protection and improvement of the stock of playing pitches; d. supporting initiatives which enable or improve access to healthy food. For example, land for local food growing or allotments; e. increasing opportunities for walking, cycling and encouraging more sustainable travel choices; f. supporting energy efficient design and 	<p>accessibility of existing community, education, leisure and cultural facilities that meets the needs of all members of the community.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy LP49 Educational and health care needs supports proposals for new or enhanced educational and health facilities and Policy LP50 Sport and physical activity supports new and existing open spaces, outdoor and indoor sport and leisure facilities where appropriate, encouraging everyone in Kirklees to be as physically active as possible.</p>

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	<p>location of development;</p> <p>g. ensuring that the current air quality in the district is monitored and maintained and, where required, appropriate mitigation measures included as part of new development proposals;</p> <p>h. creating high-quality and inclusive environments incorporating active design and the creation of safe, accessible and green environments which minimise and mitigate against potential harm from risks such as pollution and other environmental hazards;</p> <p>i. encouraging the co-location of facilities so that different types of open space and facilities for sport and recreation can be located next to each other and in close proximity to other community facilities for education and health;</p> <p>j. working with partners to manage the location of hot food take-aways particularly in areas of poor health;</p> <p>k. encouraging initiatives to promote energy efficiency within homes; and</p> <p>l. supporting appropriate initiatives which address poor health indicators and anti-social behaviour in the district.</p> <p>Health Impact Assessments will be carried out for all proposals that are likely to have a significant impact on the health and well-being of the local communities, or particular groups within it, in order to identify measures to</p>	

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	<p>maximise the health benefits of the development and avoid any potential adverse impacts.</p> <p>Policy LP48 Community facilities and services Community facilities should be provided in accessible locations where they can minimise the need to travel or they can be made accessible by walking, cycling and public transport. This will normally be in town, district or local centres.</p> <p>Proposals will be supported for development that protects, retains or enhances provision, quality or accessibility of existing community, education, leisure and cultural facilities that meets the needs of all members of the community.</p> <p>Where community facilities are provided as an integral part of a development, they should wherever possible be within adaptable mixed-use buildings.</p> <p>Proposals which involve the loss of valued community facilities such as shops, public houses and other facilities of value to the local community will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:</p> <p>a. there is no longer a need for the facility and</p>	

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	<p>all options including the scope for alternative community uses have been considered; or b. its current use is no longer viable; or c. there is adequate alternative provision in the locality to serve the local community which is in an equally accessible location; or d. an alternative facility of equivalent or better standard will be provided, either on-site or equally accessible; and e. any assets listed on a Community Asset Register have satisfied the requirements under the relevant legislation.</p> <p>Policy LP49 Educational and health care needs Where the scale of development proposed may impact on education and health provision, the council will actively work with applicants to resolve key planning issues in advance of a planning application being submitted.</p> <p>The need for the provision of additional school places will be a material consideration when proposals for new housing development are considered. Developers should work with the council at the earliest opportunity to ensure the phasing of development and appropriate mitigation is identified in a timely manner to ensure education provision can be</p>	

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	<p>secured.</p> <p>Proposals for new or enhanced education facilities will be permitted where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. they will meet an identified deficiency in provision; b. the scale, range, quality and accessibility of education facilities are improved; c. they are well related to the catchment they are intended to serve to minimise the need to travel or they can be made accessible by walking, cycling and public transport. <p>Proposals for new or enhanced healthcare facilities will be permitted where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the scale and location is appropriate for the catchment; b. there is a need for a new healthcare facility, particularly in relation to the spatial development strategy; c. they are well related to the catchment they will serve to minimise the need to travel or they can be made accessible by walking, cycling and public transport. <p>Policy LP50 Sport and physical activity</p> <p>The council will seek to protect, enhance and support new and existing open spaces, outdoor and indoor sport and leisure facilities</p>	

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	<p>where appropriate, encouraging everyone in Kirklees to be as physically active as possible and promoting a healthier lifestyle for all.</p> <p>Sport and leisure facilities will be protected where they are needed to meet current and future demands.</p> <p>The loss of open space, sport and leisure facilities will only be allowed where:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. an assessment clearly shows that the site is no longer required to meet an identified need for open space, sport, or recreation use; or b. equivalent or better replacement facilities in terms of quantity and quality are provided to compensate for those lost as a result of the development and these are within an easily accessible location for existing and potential new users; or c. the proposal is for an alternative sport, leisure or open space use that is needed to help address identified deficiencies and clearly outweighs the loss of the existing facility. <p>Any proposed loss of community sports facilities should be supported by a detailed needs assessment report.</p> <p>The enhancement of outdoor sports facilities through improving the quality and management of sites as identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy will be supported.</p> <p>The creation of new outdoor sport facilities</p>	

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	<p>will be supported which help address deficiencies in playing pitches identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy particularly proposals which help meet the significant shortfalls in football.</p> <p>Support will be given to proposals which expand and enhance the range of indoor leisure facilities on offer in the district, provided this does not conflict with other Local Plan policies. Where these facilities are included within the definition of town centre uses, such as health and fitness facilities and sports centres, the Local Plan town centres policy will apply including the sequential test.</p> <p>Support will be given to proposals that enable community use of school facilities, particularly where these help meet sport and leisure needs of the local community as identified in the Built Leisure & Sports Facilities Strategic Framework and the Playing Pitch Strategy. The renewal or redevelopment of secondary school sites will be encouraged to make provision for community use and where possible secured through the planning process.</p>	
<p>Policy 10: Protecting Local Green Space</p> <p>The following sites are designated as Local Green Space in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan. Development affecting</p>	<p>Policy LP31 Strategic Green Infrastructure Network</p> <p>Policy LP62 Local green space</p>	<p>NDP Policy 10 identifies 4 Local Green Spaces which should be protected from development.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP31 as Local Green Spaces will form</p>

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<p>Local Green Spaces should be considered against Local Plan Policy LP62:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Scholes Marsh Road Well Garden (Map 19) 2) Scholes Sandygate Fields (Map 20) 3) New Mill 'Chapel Field' (Map 21). 4) Hade Edge Gateway Triangle (Map 22) 	<p>The council will give special protection to sites designated as Local Green Space that are important to the local community. Development proposed within a Local Green Space will be considered having regard to Green Belt policy.</p>	<p>part of the green infrastructure network in Kirklees and Policy LP62 which gives special protection to sites designated as Local Green Space that are important to the local community.</p>
<p>Policy 11: Improving Transport, Accessibility and Local Infrastructure</p> <p>Traffic Management and Design</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, proposals should follow the principles set out in Kirklees Council's latest guidance on highway design. In the part of the Neighbourhood Area which is in the Peak District National Park Authority Area proposals should follow the principles set out in the Peak District National Park Authority Transport Design Guide. 2. Traffic management interventions should be managed on the basis of two principles: 	<p>Policy LP20 Sustainable travel</p> <p>New development will be located in accordance with the spatial development strategy to ensure the need to travel is reduced and that essential travel needs can be met by forms of sustainable transport other than the private car. The council will support development proposals that can be served by alternative modes of transport such as public transport, cycling and walking and in the case of new residential development is located close to local facilities or incorporates opportunities for day to day activities on site and will accept that variations in opportunity for this will vary between larger and smaller settlements in the area.</p> <p>The council will support demand management</p>	<p>NDP Policy 11 seeks to address some of the significant local issues related to transport and accessibility in Holme Valley, whilst ensuring schemes are sympathetic to local character.</p> <p>The Policy is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP20 which promotes sustainable travel patterns including higher levels of walking and cycling and Policy LP21 which requires development to accommodate sustainable modes of transport and be accessed effectively and safely by all users. Access should take into account topography and the features of surrounding roads and footpaths.</p> <p>Policy 11 is also in general conformity with Policy LP22 Parking which sets out that the provision of parking will be based on various</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A user hierarchy which follows the hierarchy set out in Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP20 of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) pedestrians b) cyclists c) public transport d) private vehicles; and • Minimal interventions that do not adversely impact on the historic environment and public realm. <p>3. Any new schemes should aim to protect the key characteristics of transport corridors which contribute to the local distinctiveness of the Landscape Character Areas of the Holme Valley as described in the Heritage and Character Assessment. These include for instance grass verges, traditional road surfaces such as stone setts, and dry stone walls as reflected in other policies. Road widening schemes to improve traffic flow should also consider potential impacts on non-car users (pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users).</p> <p>Accessibility and Infrastructure</p> <p>4. All development proposals should, where appropriate, include safe and legible access to local streets, footpaths, and publicly accessible spaces for all users to help support</p>	<p>measures which discourage single occupancy car travel within new development and encourage the use of low emission vehicles to improve areas with low levels of air quality. Proposals should include measures to encourage the use of sustainable travel options, including public transport, the promotion of personal journey planning, walking, cycling, car sharing, electronic communication and home working. Travel plans will normally be required for all major planning applications in accordance with current guidance and should set targets and monitoring arrangements to ensure sustainable travel patterns are maintained. Travel plans should include agreed and defined outcomes related to a package of specified measures to be implemented including an approach to lower carbon emissions where applicable.</p> <p>The requirement of a travel plan will also be considered on case by case basis where the proposed development falls below the major application category where it has the potential to generate significant transport movements and/or has insufficient off-street parking within the vicinity of a stressed part of the highway network. Proposals for new development shall be designed to encourage sustainable modes of</p>	<p>principles including availability of public transport, the accessibility of the site, location of the development, local car ownership levels and the type, mix and use of the development.</p> <p>Encouraging higher rates of walking and cycling is promoted in NDP Policy 11 and this should support Local Plan Policy LP23 Core walking and cycling network which sets out that the core walking and cycling network as shown on the Policies Map will provide an integrated system of cycle routes, public footpaths and bridleways.</p>

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<p>healthier lifestyles and active travel. Developments adjacent to the River Holme should consider access improvements to the River Holme footpath network.</p> <p>5. Existing green infrastructure should not be compromised by new development, and proposals to enhance access, particularly to the River Holme for leisure activities, will be supported.</p> <p>6. Layouts should be imaginative in approach and include traffic calmed streets and nodal points, with frequent changes of direction, and introduce a sense of enclosure to reflect the traditional design and layout found in the Valley.</p> <p>7. Public transport, pedestrian and cycle routes should be incorporated in the layout wherever possible, especially where these can provide safe and convenient routes to schools, local shops and other facilities. The potential to connect the new development to the existing settlement by providing pedestrian and other non-vehicular routes through the site should be fully explored.</p> <p>8. Major developments should consider opportunities to provide car share or car-pooling facilities.</p>	<p>travel and demonstrate how links have been utilised to encourage connectivity. Proposals will be required to facilitate the needs of the following user hierarchy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. pedestrians b. cyclists c. public transport d. private vehicles <p>Policy LP21 Highways and access</p> <p>Proposals shall demonstrate that they can accommodate sustainable modes of transport and be accessed effectively and safely by all users.</p> <p>New development will normally be permitted where safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all people and where the residual cumulative impacts of development are not severe.</p> <p>Proposals shall demonstrate adequate information and mitigation measures to avoid a detrimental impact on highway safety and the local highway network. Proposals shall also consider any impacts on the Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>All proposals shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ensure the safe and efficient flow of traffic within the development and on the surrounding highway network; b. where needed, provide new infrastructure 	

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<p>Parking Provision and Standards</p> <p>9. In all cases where development is proposed in the Green Belt regard must be had to relevant local and national Green Belt planning policies.</p> <p>10. Where planning permission is required proposals to convert existing garaging into non-parking provision are discouraged unless suitable alternative off-road parking is available.</p> <p>11. In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, proposals to develop 'park and walk' or 'park and ride' facilities to access Holmfirth town centre or festivals / events in the valley will be supported provided they comply with other relevant policies and mitigate any detrimental impact on the landscape through appropriate surfacing and screening as necessary. Park and ride would not be appropriate in the Peak District National Park part of the Neighbourhood Area as it would harm the valued characteristics of the area.</p> <p>12. New developments in that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is</p>	<p>or improvements on or off site to ensure safe access from the highway network for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users and private vehicles;</p> <p>c. be accompanied by a supporting Transport Assessment or Transport Statement where the development would generate significant trip generation, providing detail as to the impact on highway safety, air quality, noise and light restrictions;</p> <p>d. take into account changes in site levels and topography to ensure the development can be accessed easily and safely by all sections of the community and by different modes of transport;</p> <p>e. take into account the features of surrounding roads and footpaths and provide adequate layout and visibility to allow the development to be accessed safely;</p> <p>f. take into account access for emergency, service and refuse collection vehicles;</p> <p>g. provide on-site safe, secure and convenient cycle parking/storage facilities to encourage sustainable travel modes.</p> <p>Policy LP22 Parking</p> <p>The provision of parking will be based on the following principles:</p> <p>a. in town, district and local centres, car parks close to the main shopping area will be for</p>	

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<p>the local planning authority, should provide off-road parking provision in line with Kirklees Local Plan policy LP22 (Parking) and the Council’s latest guidance on highway design. Parking areas should be designed sensitively and use suitable materials which are sympathetic to the character of the local area (see Heritage and Character Assessment). Proposals should also aim to maximise accessibility for all groups through careful and considerate design. Development schemes should include provision of electric vehicle charging points wherever practicable.</p> <p>13. Where communal parking is required for apartment development, it should be conveniently located close to the dwellings it is intended to serve.</p>	<p>short-stay use and peripheral car parks for long stay use;</p> <p>b. long stay parking in town centres will be reduced progressively in conjunction with improvements to sustainable transport opportunities, where appropriate;</p> <p>c. provision of private non-residential parking in town centres will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that it is required for operational reasons. Where such provision is permitted appropriate arrangements will need to be put in place to provide management arrangements consistent with public parking in the centre;</p> <p>d. provision of residential parking schemes within town centres for private vehicles/motorcycles/and cycles will be permitted; where appropriate and where schemes can be shown to enhance residential developments in the town centre;</p> <p>e. car parking provision in new developments will be determined by the availability of public transport, the accessibility of the site, location of the development, local car ownership levels and the type, mix and use of the development;</p> <p>f. new developments will incorporate flexibly designed minimum parking spaces for private cars, considering a range of solutions, to provide the most efficient arrangement of safe, secure, convenient and visually unobtrusive car parking within the site</p>	

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	<p>including a mix of on and off street parking in accordance with current guidance; g. provision will be made to meet the needs of cyclists for cycling parking in new developments; h. provision will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled people for the parking of vehicles. All proposals shall provide full details of the design and levels of proposed parking provision. They should demonstrate how the design and amount of parking proposed is the most efficient use of land within the development as part of encouraging sustainable travel.</p> <p>Policy LP23 Core walking and cycling network The core walking and cycling network as shown on the Policies Map will provide an integrated system of cycle routes, public footpaths and bridleways that provide opportunity for alternative sustainable means of travel throughout the district and provide efficient links to urban centres and sites allocated for development in the Local Plan. The core cycling and walking network will be safeguarded and extended to provide opportunities to reduce the number of car journeys and to link settlements, employment</p>	

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	<p>sites and transport hubs. The safeguarding of the network will also provide further opportunities for leisure uses, cycling, walking and riding in the countryside by linking to existing bridleways and national trails where appropriate.</p> <p>Disused railway lines and waterways throughout the district shall be protected from other forms of development to safeguard their potential to be reinstated to their former use for commercial or leisure purposes or to extend the cycling or footpath networks. Proposals that may prejudice the function, continuity or implementation of the core walking and cycling network will not be permitted. Existing public rights of way that form part of the core walking and cycling network or elsewhere will be protected and enhanced.</p> <p>Proposals shall seek to integrate into existing and proposed cycling and walking routes as identified in the core walking and cycling network by providing connecting links where appropriate; and regard shall also be had to linking to Strategic Green Infrastructure networks as identified on the Policies Map. Where there is an identified need, extensions or enhancements to the existing network can be secured through scheme design, planning conditions and planning obligations if this</p>	

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	does not prejudice the overall viability of the development.	
<p>Policy 12: Promoting Sustainability</p> <p>All major development as defined in the NPPF must prepare a sustainability statement which outlines how the development will evaluate and contribute to the following elements of sustainability.</p> <p>Promoting Renewable Energy</p> <p>1) In all cases where development is proposed in the Green Belt regard must be had to relevant local and national Green Belt policies.</p> <p>2) In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, proposals for individual and community scale energy from hydro-electric, solar photovoltaic panels, biomass, anaerobic digestion and ground source heating will be supported where they can be achieved without conflicting with the NDP polices to protect and enhance the landscape and built character of the Valley.</p> <p>3) New major developments should install district heating from renewable</p>	<p>Policy LP1 Presumption in favour of sustainable development</p> <p>When considering development proposals, the council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>The council will always work pro-actively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area.</p> <p>Proposals that accord with the policies in the Kirklees Local Plan (and, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans) will be approved without delay, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.</p> <p>Where there are no policies relevant to the proposal or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision then the council will grant permission unless material considerations indicate otherwise - taking into account whether:</p>	<p>NDP Policy 12 sets out how development proposals should incorporate many of the key principles of sustainable development and the Policy is at the core of the NDP.</p> <p>Policy 12 is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP1 Presumption in favour of sustainable development but provides a significantly higher level of detail.</p> <p>Policy 12 supports renewable energy technologies in line with Local Plan Policy LP26 Renewable and low carbon energy.</p> <p>Policy 12 also supports sustainable living, including schemes for food growing, green infrastructure and biodiversity enhancements. Food growing is supported in Local Plan Policy LP47 Healthy, active and safe lifestyles which supports initiatives which enable or improve access to healthy food, for example, land for local food growing or allotments and biodiversity enhancements are promoted in Policy LP30 Biodiversity & Geodiversity which requires developments to minimise impact on biodiversity and provide net biodiversity gains through good design by incorporating biodiversity enhancements and</p>

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<p>resources and will be expected to deliver an on-site heat network, unless it can be demonstrated that this would render the development unviable. In this case, developers must demonstrate that they have worked with 3rd parties, commercial or community, to assess the opportunity.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency</p> <p>4) Sustainable, energy efficient designs should be used in all new buildings. Reclaimed materials from sustainable sources should be used where possible.</p> <p>5) Wherever possible all new non-residential buildings should achieve a BREEAM rating of excellent or outstanding.</p> <p>6) All new buildings should aim to meet a high level of sustainability, design and construction and be optimised for energy efficiency, targeting zero carbon emissions. This might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Orientation to optimise passive solar gain. b. Use of high quality, thermally efficient building materials, subject to consideration of local character and context - see Policies 1 and 2. c. Installation of loft and wall insulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole; or b. specific policies in that Framework indicate that development should be restricted. <p>Policy LP26 Renewable and low carbon energy</p> <p>Renewable and low carbon energy proposals (excluding wind) will be supported and planning permission granted where the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the proposal would not have an unacceptable impact on landscape character and visual appearance of the local area, including the urban environment; b. the proposal would not have either individually or cumulatively an unacceptable impact on protected species, designated sites of importance for biodiversity or heritage assets; c. the statutory protection of any area would not be compromised by the development; d. any noise, odour, traffic or other impact of development is mitigated so as not to cause unacceptable detriment to local amenity; e. any significant adverse effects of the proposal are mitigated by wider 	<p>habitat creation where opportunities exist.</p> <p>Policy 12 also seeks to protect water bodies such as mill ponds in line with Local Plan Policy Policy LP29 Management of water bodies.</p>

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<p>and double/triple glazing.</p> <p>d. On site energy generation from renewable resources.</p> <p>7) Wherever possible, all new buildings should incorporate technologies which generate 50% energy from low carbon or renewable sources.</p> <p>8) Retrofitting of older properties to reduce energy demand and to generate renewable energy is encouraged where proposals are sensitive to local character. Alterations to existing properties should be designed to reduce energy demand and comply with sustainable design and construction.</p> <p>Encouraging Sustainable Living</p> <p>9) The creation of community gardens and further allotments space in the valley for local food growing will be supported.</p>	<p>environmental, social and economic benefits. Where the above criteria are met, the council encourages dialogue with local community groups promoting community renewable and low carbon energy schemes.</p> <p>The creation of district heat networks is encouraged across Kirklees. Heat networks can be developed at different scales and all new developments should consider their potential. Proposals requiring a master plan should explore the potential of developing a heat network, or connecting to an existing network.</p> <p>Policy LP52 Protection and improvement of environmental quality Proposals which have the potential to increase pollution from noise, vibration, light, dust, odour, shadow flicker, chemicals and other forms of pollution or to increase pollution to soil or where environmentally sensitive development would be subject to significant levels of pollution, must be accompanied by evidence to show that the impacts have been evaluated and measures have been incorporated to prevent or reduce the pollution, so as to ensure it does not reduce the quality of life and well-being of people to an unacceptable level or have</p>	

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	<p>unacceptable impacts on the environment. Such developments which cannot incorporate suitable and sustainable mitigation measures which reduce pollution levels to an acceptable level to protect the quality of life and well-being of people or protect the environment will not be permitted.</p> <p>Where possible, all new development should improve the existing environment.</p>	
<p>Policy 13: Protecting Wildlife and Securing Biodiversity Net Gain</p> <p>All major development proposals should demonstrate how biodiversity will be protected and enhanced including the local wildlife, ecological networks, designated Local Wildlife Sites and habitats.</p> <p>New major development should create a measurable net gain in natural capital and biodiversity. Direct and indirect impacts upon biodiversity and/or geodiversity should be avoided. Where impacts cannot be avoided, mitigation and then as a last resort compensatory measures (for example biodiversity offsetting) should be provided.</p> <p>A biodiversity net gain can be achieved through development by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. managing habitats retained within the development site to improve quality; 	<p>Policy LP30 Biodiversity & Geodiversity</p> <p>The council will seek to protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of Kirklees, including the range of international, national and locally designated wildlife and geological sites, Habitats and Species of Principal Importance and the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network.</p> <p>South Pennine Moors Proposals which may directly or indirectly compromise achieving the conservation objectives of a designated or candidate European protected site will not be permitted unless the proposal meets the conditions specified in Article 6 (3) - (4) of the Habitats Directive.</p> <p>Statutory Designated Sites Statutory designated sites, including the South</p>	<p>This Policy was added following the SEA and on the advice of Kirklees Council. It seeks to provide a local policy which complements the policies in the Local Plan, including Policy LP30.</p>

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<p>2. securing local off-site habitat management to provide an overall benefit;</p> <p>3. a combination of the above.</p>	<p>Pennine Moors Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area for Conservation (SAC) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest, are already highly protected through existing laws and legislation. In accordance with legislation, the Council will seek to ensure that harmful impacts to these areas as a result of development proposals are avoided. Development proposed within or outside a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest, likely to have an adverse effect on the site's special nature conservation features, will not normally be permitted.</p> <p>Exceptionally development will be allowed where the benefits of the development clearly outweigh the impacts on the site's special conservation features and measures are provided to mitigate harmful impacts.</p> <p>The Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area Proposals that contribute to the aims and objectives of the Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area will in principle be supported, subject to other policies in this plan. Development likely to have an adverse impact on the aims and objectives of the NIA will not be permitted.</p> <p>Local Designated Sites & Important Local</p>	

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	<p>Ecological Features</p> <p>Proposals having a direct or indirect adverse effect on a Local Wildlife Site or Local Geological Site, Ancient Woodland, Veteran Tree or other important tree, will not be permitted unless the benefits of the development can be clearly shown to outweigh the need to safeguard the local conservation value of the site or feature and there is no alternative means to deliver the proposal. In all cases, full compensatory measures would be required and secured in the long term.</p> <p>Habitats and Species of Principal Importance Proposals will be required to protect Habitats and Species of Principal Importance unless the benefits of the development clearly outweigh the importance of the biodiversity interest, in which case long term compensatory measures will need to be secured.</p> <p>Biodiversity and Development Development proposals will be required to:- Kirklees Local Plan - Strategy and Policies 129 13 Natural environment (i) result in no significant loss or harm to biodiversity in Kirklees through avoidance, adequate mitigation or, as a last resort,</p>	

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	<p>compensatory measures secured through the establishment of a legally binding agreement;</p> <p>(ii) minimise impact on biodiversity and provide net biodiversity gains through good design by incorporating biodiversity enhancements and habitat creation where opportunities exist;</p> <p>(iii) safeguard and enhance the function and connectivity of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network at a local and wider landscape-scale unless the loss of the site and its functional role within the network can be fully maintained or compensated for in the long term;</p> <p>(iv) establish additional ecological links to the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network where opportunities exist; and</p> <p>(iv) incorporate biodiversity enhancement measures to reflect the priority habitats and species identified for the relevant Kirklees Biodiversity Opportunity Zone.</p>	
<p>Policy 14: Focusing Developer Contributions on Local Priorities</p> <p>The Parish Council will prioritise funds received through the Community Infrastructure Levy to support and enable projects which seek to address the following aims (not in order of priority):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement of public rights of way 	<p>Policy LP4 Providing infrastructure</p> <p>The council will work with partners to bring forward the necessary and proportionate essential and desirable infrastructure that is required in order to deliver the spatial strategy as set out in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Essential infrastructure is defined as</p>	<p>NDP Policy 14 sets out priorities for locally important infrastructure for which developer contributions will be sought.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Local Plan Policy LP4 which sets out that new development should contribute to the provision of infrastructure, taking account of local and strategic needs and financial</p>

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<p>including access along the River Holme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of better facilities for either young people and / or old people • Local highway improvements • Environmental or heritage projects seeking to improve the built and natural environment • Improvements to car parking provision • The ongoing retention and support of community facilities including public toilets. <p>The Parish Council actions listed in this Neighbourhood Development plan also identify specific locations where potential projects have been identified for further consideration.</p>	<p>infrastructure that is required to make development acceptable in planning terms. Desirable infrastructure is described as infrastructure which would improve the capacity and deliver place making benefits. Where new infrastructure is needed to support new development, the essential infrastructure must be operational no later than the appropriate phase of development for which it is needed.</p> <p>Where new infrastructure is needed, the council will expect phasing plans to be submitted as part of planning applications and where appropriate, will link the construction and occupation of that development to infrastructure provision.</p> <p>New development should contribute to the provision of infrastructure, taking account of local and strategic needs and financial viability. This may be achieved on-site or off-site through planning conditions or legal agreements and/or through contributions to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).</p>	<p>viability.</p>

Table 3B General Conformity with Strategic Planning Policies in the Peak District National Park Local Plan

(Note - only those NDP Policies which are relevant to that part of the Neighbourhood Area which falls within the Peak District National Park are considered in Table 3B)

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<p>Policy 2: Protecting and Enhancing the Built Character of the Holme Valley and Promoting High Quality Design</p> <p>1) Local Character</p> <p>Proposals for new development and alterations to existing buildings should respect the Landscape Character Area in which they are located with reference to the Character Management Principles for each Landscape Character Area (see paragraph 4.1.17) and the Key Characteristics and distinctive character of each of the identified Landscape Character Areas (as set out in Appendix 7). Proposals should seek to protect and enhance local built character and distinctiveness and historic landscape character.</p> <p>Suitable measures should be put in place to avoid any adverse impacts on heritage assets, including any conservation areas, and where infeasible, to minimise or mitigate damage.</p> <p>2) Sense of Place</p> <p>New developments should strengthen the</p>	<p>L3: Cultural heritage assets of archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic significance</p> <p>A. Development must conserve and where appropriate enhance or reveal the significance of archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic assets and their settings, including statutory designations and other heritage assets of international, national, regional or local importance or special interest;</p> <p>B. Other than in exceptional circumstances development will not be permitted where it is likely to cause harm to the significance of any cultural heritage asset of archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic significance or its setting, including statutory designations or other heritage assets of international, national, regional or local importance or special interest;</p> <p>C. Proposals for development will be expected to meet the objectives of any strategy, wholly or partly covering the National Park, that has, as an objective, the conservation and where possible the enhancement of cultural heritage assets. This includes, but is not exclusive to, the Cultural Heritage Strategy for the Peak District National Park and any successor strategy.</p>	<p>NDP Policy 2 seeks to protect and enhance the special characteristics of the built environment of the Holme Valley, including the conservation areas such as Holme Conservation Area.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Core Strategy Policy L3 which requires development to conserve, and where appropriate enhance or reveal the significance of historic assets and their settings including statutory designations.</p>

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<p>local sense of place through use of local materials and detailing. Where historic features such as mill chimneys function as key focal points, they should be retained and restored as an integral part of new development schemes. Legibility improvements are encouraged such as signage, waymarking, trails and heritage focal points.</p> <p>3) Utilising Existing Assets</p> <p>Wherever possible, significant trees, internal boundaries and water courses on the site should be retained and incorporated in the new design. Proposals should consider the aspect of the site and the ways in which the site contours and vegetation can be used to provide areas of extensive shade or shelter. Advantage should be taken of sunny slopes in orientation of gardens and / or main elevations. Development of individual buildings and groups of buildings should utilise site characteristics to improve energy efficiency and maximise use of renewable technologies.</p> <p>4) Innovation and Responding to Local Context</p> <p>The use of traditional materials and design will</p>		

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<p>be supported. However, contemporary design and materials will be supported where the distinctive character of the area is enhanced or opportunities are identified for greater energy efficiency. Site layout should respect the existing grain of development in the surrounding area.</p> <p>5) Gated Communities</p> <p>Gated communities which restrict permeability are not characteristic of the Holme Valley area and will be resisted.</p> <p>6) Inclusivity and Accessibility</p> <p>Designs should promote inclusivity and promote accessibility for all and in particular have regard to the needs of the older population and those with mobility impairments.</p> <p>7) Public Spaces</p> <p>New development should make a positive contribution to the public realm. In particular, this should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear distinction between streets and other publicly accessible spaces and areas that are intended for private use; 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A designed sequence of spaces that connects with and relates to the pattern of spaces already present in the area; • Where appropriate, the “greening” of public spaces by using trees and other suitable planting. • Open spaces should be designed to meet the needs of the development and located to satisfy their intended, specific function, such as toddler’s play, older children’s activities, sitting out, or visual amenity. <p>8) Built Form and Materials</p> <p>Designs should respect the scale, mass, height and form of existing locally characteristic buildings, as described in the Key Characteristics, and Settlement Patterns and Built Form, for each of the Landscape Character Areas in the Holme Valley Heritage and Character Assessment and Appendix 7 of the NDP. Materials must be chosen to complement the design of the development and add to the quality or character of the surrounding environment. Local millstone grit and stone flags should be used wherever possible.</p> <p>9) Scale and Proportion</p>		

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<p>Scale, height and massing of development should be designed to reflect the setting and location of each individual site. Development should fit in and neither dominate nor have a detrimental impact on its surroundings and neighbouring properties.</p> <p>10) Mixed Uses</p> <p>If a shop or service is proposed as a part of a development scheme applicants will be encouraged to locate the facility where it is accessible to the wider community.</p> <p>11) Protecting Amenity</p> <p>Proposals should minimise impacts on general amenity and give careful consideration to noise, odour and light. Light pollution should be minimised, and security lighting must be appropriate, unobtrusive and energy efficient.</p>		
<p>Policy 3: Conserving and Enhancing Non-designated Heritage Assets</p> <p>A list of proposed non-designated heritage assets is identified in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan and further non-designated heritage assets may be identified during the plan period.</p>	<p>L3: Cultural heritage assets of archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic significance</p>	<p>NDP Policy 3 protects local non designated heritage assets.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Core Strategy Policy L3 which requires development to conserve, and where appropriate enhance or reveal the significance of historic assets and their settings including statutory designations</p>

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<p>The emerging list of non-designated heritage assets is provided in Appendix 2. Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP35 Historic Environment, in particular Parts 2 and 3a, and Policy DMC5 of the Peak District National Park Authority Part 2 Local Plan (Development Management Policies) will apply to all applications for development affecting the heritage assets, or their setting, once adopted.</p>		<p>and those of local importance.</p>
<p>Policy 4: Design Codes for High Quality Shopfronts and Advertisements</p> <p>Design Principles for Shopfronts</p> <p>1) General Principles</p> <p>Shopfronts should be designed to integrate into the existing building by respecting the period, scale and architectural style of the building and reflect the characteristics of the wider street scene.</p> <p>Proposals for new shopfronts, or alterations to existing shopfronts should consider the following design concepts to ensure that the proposal is sympathetic to the character and amenity of the locality.</p> <p>Designs should:</p>	<p>No relevant policies - this policy is designed to be applied to larger settlements within Kirklees district where there are shops.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>a) Enclose and frame shop windows and entrances with essential visual and functional elements such as pilasters, fascias and stallrisers. Accurate and authentic detailing is essential;</p> <p>b) Use shopfronts that do not dominate the architecture of the main building;</p> <p>c) Avoid linking two or more buildings with one fascia unless historically already established by continuous architectural pattern or shop use;</p> <p>d) Make sure that shopfronts have individual distinctive identities with different stallriser heights, window designs and fascias that positively contribute to the character and integrity of the building and the complexity and diversity of the street scene;</p> <p>e) Make use of energy-efficient measures with regard to any illumination arising from the shopfront, particularly through the use of LED lighting where appropriate; and</p> <p>f) Make use of recessed doorways, single and double to give more three-dimensional quality.</p> <p>g) Avoid use of uPVC windows in historic areas.</p> <p>2) Retention of Existing Shopfronts</p> <p>The retention of existing shopfronts, which</p>		

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<p>contribute to the character of the building or area, will be encouraged and special care should be given to the preservation and sensitive restoration of original features where possible.</p> <p>3) Accessibility</p> <p>The sensitive alteration of existing traditional shops and town centre buildings to improve accessibility for all is supported. Accessibility should be improved wherever practically possible, provided the special interest of any historic building or buildings is not compromised. Overall proposals should not prejudice the character of the building or buildings and should have due regard for any features which make a particular building or buildings special or significant.</p> <p>4) Fascias</p> <p>Proposals for shopfronts should seek to incorporate moulded cornices weathered with a properly detailed lead flashing above the fascia.</p> <p>5) Doors and Windows</p> <p>Stallrisers are encouraged to protect shop windows and provide a visual break between</p>		

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<p>the window and the street surface. Designs for shopfronts should include part-glazed door panels that reflect the height of the stallriser and the sub-division of large areas of glass wherever possible.</p> <p>6) Shutters and Grilles</p> <p>Solid roller shutters and the introduction of shutter boxes to the exterior of buildings have an adverse visual impact and will be resisted in that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority. Any shopfronts in the Peak District National Park Authority part of Neighbourhood Area will not be permitted to have external security roller shutters.</p> <p>The following suitable alternatives will be supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Security glass with alarm or internal cameras; b) A reduction in the size of window glass; c) Internal see-through shutters; or d) In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority only, external shutters that are removed during working hours - decorative options may be applicable, themed on shop trade 		

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<p>e) In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority only, externally mounted open mesh roller shutters provided that the box housing is concealed behind the fascia or the extent to which it projects from the face of the building, does not result in increasing its depth or the creation of a sub-fascia.</p> <p>Design Principles for Advertisements</p> <p>1) General Principles</p> <p>Any shopfronts within the Peak District National Park Authority part of Neighbourhood Area will not be permitted illuminated signs except in accordance with DMP DMS 5.</p> <p>In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, where planning consent is required, proposals for fascia, hanging and projecting advertisement signs should complement the design of the building and shopfront.</p> <p>Cumulative impacts of advertisements should be considered in relation to street scene and visual clutter. Advertisements should not overly dominate the public realm or have an adverse impact on local character.</p>		

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<p>Consideration should be given to an advertisement's impact on highway safety. Advertisements which are distracting to road users, by the virtue of their scale, design or positioning should be avoided.</p> <p>Illuminated signs should be treated as an integral part of the overall design, and should be discreet, and energy efficient.</p> <p>2) Fascia Signs</p> <p>Proposals for fascia signs should seek to sympathetically integrate the design of the fascia with the shopfront, making use of traditional design fascias. New illuminated boxed fascias that project from the face of the building and the addition of new fascias on top of existing ones should be avoided.</p> <p>Lettering should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Convey the essential message of the retailer b) Either be a sign written onto the fascia or applied as individual lettering in a traditional manner directly to the structure of the building; c) Reflect the use and character of the shop and the building; d) Be of a style and size that relates to 		

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<p>the area of the fascia or sign and building on which it is used;</p> <p>e) Use sensitive colours and appropriate shading and blocking of letters which reflect the local character and appearance of the area – for example in Conservation Areas bold bright colours are unlikely to be accepted; and</p> <p>f) Minimise impacts on the historic fabric of the building.</p> <p>In instances where illuminated fascia signs are proposed, they should be sensitively designed in other to be sympathetic to both the building they are attached to and the surrounding area, particularly if situated in a historic area. Illumination of fascias should not be excessive or intrusive and should make use of energy efficient methods of lighting such as via LED. Schemes should avoid light pollution into adjoining residential properties and not unnecessarily cause poorly directed light pollution elsewhere.</p> <p>3) Projecting Signs</p> <p>Projecting signs will be supported where they are sensitive to the design of the existing building and are a characteristic feature of the surrounding area.</p> <p>The use of internally illuminated projecting</p>		

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<p>box signs that form a projecting part of a fascia should be avoided.</p> <p>Where a projecting sign is appropriate, proposals should make use of a traditional hanging sign, which is hung from a metal bracket that can add interest to the street without unobtrusive external illumination. Consideration should be given to the use of hanging symbols denoting the trade being carried on in the premises as an interesting and eye-catching alternative to a hanging board.</p> <p>Projecting signs should be of a high quality and relate to the size and scale of the existing building façade and do not appear either overly intrusive or inappropriately small. Projecting signs should be carefully positioned to take into account the design and architectural detailing of the existing building – normally below the first-floor windows.</p> <p>Projecting signs will be restricted to one sign per building and should relate only to the business which occupies the premises.</p>		
<p>Policy 5: Promoting High Quality Public Realm and Improvements to Gateways and Highways</p> <p>Public Realm</p>	<p>No relevant policies - this policy is designed to be applied to larger settlements within Kirklees district where there are shops.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>1. Proposals for public realm improvements should enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike and should be an integral part of transport links through towns, settlements and villages.</p> <p>2. Proposals for public realm enhancements will be supported subject to other policies where they:</p> <p>3.</p> <p>a) Are of a high-quality design and sensitive to the visual appearance of surrounding buildings and street scene, especially in the case of a Heritage Asset or within a Conservation Area;</p> <p>b) Where possible, enhance or open up views towards existing locations of interest, such as the river or public spaces within the town and local centres, so that new developments improve rather than hide existing points of interest.</p> <p>c) Prioritise pedestrians and then cyclists, providing seating and safe, accessible routes for all.</p> <p>4. Where public realm enhancements are proposed as part of development schemes, proposals should include, where possible, cycle and car parking with electric charging points, clear and useful signage to</p>		

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<p>local public transport facilities, and low energy street lighting.</p> <p>5. Large commercial bin storage areas should be suitably screened as part of proposals to enhance the public realm and improve waste management.</p> <p>1. To ensure a balance is achieved between highway safety and highway dominance, and to ensure that the character of a place is maintained whilst still enabling a safe and sustainable highway, the following principles should be applied:</p> <p>2.</p> <p>d) Design and materials in public realm improvements and highways schemes should be sensitive to local character.</p> <p>e) Traffic dominance should be minimised through surface treatment and layout;</p> <p>f) Visual clutter should be limited;</p> <p>g) Provision of shared public space should be maximised whilst accommodating vehicular movement where necessary;</p> <p>h) Consideration should be given to accessibility for everyone;</p> <p>i) Consideration of Green Infrastructure should be built into the public realm where appropriate;</p> <p>j) Street furniture should not act as a</p>		

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<p>hazard to pedestrians or distract motorists unnecessarily.</p> <p>k) Signage and interpretation should be clear and visually unobtrusive;</p> <p>l) Lighting should limit light pollution and the use of columns.</p> <p>Gateways and Highways</p> <p>Where major new residential or commercial development is close to gateways into the Holme Valley, for example at entry points along the main transport routes including roads along valley floors and at rail stations including as identified on Map 17 Key Gateways, consideration should be given to gateway improvements. Such improvements could include for instance, welcome signage, landscaping and planting and relevant information about visitor facilities.</p>		
<p>Policy 9: Protecting and Enhancing Local Community Facilities</p> <p>Community facilities are defined as facilities which are of value to the local community and they will be protected and enhanced where possible. Examples are given in paragraph 4.7.10.</p> <p>The loss or change of use of community facilities to non-community uses will only be</p>	<p>HC4: Provision and retention of community services and facilities</p> <p>A. The provision or improvement of community facilities and services will be encouraged within settlements listed in core policy DS1, or on their edges if no suitable site is available within. Proposals must demonstrate evidence of community need. Preference will be given to the change of use of an existing traditional building, but a replacement building may be acceptable if</p>	<p>NDP Policy 9 seeks to protect local community and recreational facilities.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Core Strategy Policy HC4 which encourages investment in new facilities and seeks to protect existing facilities.</p>

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<p>supported where all of the following apply:</p> <p>1) It has been demonstrated that it is in accordance with relevant policies of the Kirklees Local Plan and Peak District National Park Core Strategy; and</p> <p>2) It can be demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its ongoing provision is not viable, or • It is no longer needed or justified, or • That the provisions offered by the facility can be accommodated at an equal or higher standard elsewhere in the local area in an equally accessible location, or • That the new use meets another community need or offers alternative community benefit; and <p>3) It can be demonstrated that every attempt has been made to identify and support local community or voluntary groups wishing to continue the operation of the facility.</p> <p>Education, Health and Community Learning</p> <p>1) Proposals to create, expand or alter schools will be supported, whilst recognising the ongoing social value of small, community based schools.</p> <p>2) The expansion of health provision in the Valley will be supported.</p> <p>3) Proposals to expand the provision of Forest Schools and natural play environments,</p>	<p>enhancement can be achieved in accordance with policy GSP2. Shared or mixed use with other uses and community facilities will be encouraged.</p> <p>B. Elsewhere, proposals to provide community facilities and services involving a change of use of traditional buildings or a replacement building which achieves enhancement, will be encouraged.</p> <p>C. Proposals to change the use of buildings or sites which provide community services and facilities including shops and financial and professional services to non-community uses must demonstrate that the service or facility is:</p> <p>I. no longer needed; or</p> <p>II. available elsewhere in the settlement; or</p> <p>III. can no longer be viable.</p> <p>Wherever possible, the new use must either meet another community need or offer alternative community benefit such as social housing. Evidence of reasonable attempts to secure such a use must be provided before any other use is permitted.</p> <p>D. The redevelopment of a community recreation site or sports facility for other uses will not be permitted until a satisfactory replacement site or facility has been provided, or it can be demonstrated that the facility is no longer required.</p>	

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<p>and to improve provision of accessible natural and semi natural greenspace, amenity greenspace and allotments, will be supported subject to being in accordance with other policies.</p>		
<p>Policy 11: Improving Transport, Accessibility and Local Infrastructure</p> <p>Traffic Management and Design</p> <p>1. In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, proposals should follow the principles set out in Kirklees Council’s latest guidance on highway design. In the part of the Neighbourhood Area which is in the Peak District National Park Authority Area proposals should follow the principles set out in the Peak District National Park Authority Transport Design Guide.</p> <p>2. Traffic management interventions should be managed on the basis of two principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A user hierarchy which follows the hierarchy set out in Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP20 of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) pedestrians b) cyclists c) public transport d) private vehicles; and 	<p>T1: Reducing the general need to travel and encouraging sustainable transport</p> <p>A. Conserving and enhancing the National Park’s valued characteristics will be the primary criterion in the planning and design of transport and its management.</p> <p>B. Cross-Park traffic will be deterred.</p> <p>C. Modal shift to sustainable transport will be encouraged.</p> <p>D. Improved connectivity between sustainable modes of travel will be sought.</p> <p>E. Impacts of traffic within environmentally sensitive locations will be minimised.</p> <p>F. Sustainable access for the quiet enjoyment of the National Park, that does not cause harm to the valued characteristics, will be promoted.</p> <p>G. Demand management and low carbon initiatives will be sought where appropriate.</p> <p>T2: Reducing and directing traffic</p> <p>A. Transport developments, including traffic management schemes, which reduce the amount of cross-Park traffic, will be supported if they can be accommodated without adverse impact on the National Park’s valued</p>	<p>NDP Policy 11 aims to reduce problems associated with high reliance on the private car, supporting a more pedestrian and cycling friendly environment and physical interventions which are sensitive to local character.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Core Strategy Policy T1 and T2 which support a shift to sustainable transport and TE3 which requires transport infrastructure to be carefully designed and maintained to take full account of the valued characteristics of the National Park. Policy T6 protects the rights of way network and supports attractive safe pedestrian and cycle routes between new residential or industrial developments and the centre of settlements.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal interventions that do not adversely impact on the historic environment and public realm. <p>3. Any new schemes should aim to protect the key characteristics of transport corridors which contribute to the local distinctiveness of the Landscape Character Areas of the Holme Valley as described in the Heritage and Character Assessment. These include for instance grass verges, traditional road surfaces such as stone setts, and dry stone walls as reflected in other policies. Road widening schemes to improve traffic flow should also consider potential impacts on non-car users (pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users).</p> <p>Accessibility and Infrastructure</p> <p>4. All development proposals should, where appropriate, include safe and legible access to local streets, footpaths, and publicly accessible spaces for all users to help support healthier lifestyles and active travel. Developments adjacent to the River Holme should consider access improvements to the River Holme footpath network.</p> <p>5. Existing green infrastructure should not be compromised by new development,</p>	<p>characteristics. Transport developments which increase the amount of cross-Park traffic or have other adverse effects on its setting and character, amenity and enjoyment will be opposed.</p> <p>B. In exceptional circumstances, transport developments (including expansion of capacity, widening or a new route) that increase the amount of cross-Park traffic may be accepted where: there is a demonstrable long term net environmental benefit within the National Park;</p> <p>C. No new road schemes will be permitted unless they provide access to new businesses or housing development or there are exceptional circumstances. Those road schemes (including improvements) that fall outside of the Planning Authority’s direct jurisdiction will be strongly resisted except in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>D. For spatial planning purposes, the road hierarchy will comprise:</p> <p>I. the Strategic Road Network, including the majority of A class roads;</p> <p>II. the Secondary Network: including links between the Strategic Road Network and industrial sites, settlements and recreation areas; and</p> <p>III. all other roads.</p> <p>E. Road traffic which must enter or cross the National Park will be directed first towards the</p>	

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<p>and proposals to enhance access, particularly to the River Holme for leisure activities, will be supported.</p> <p>6. Layouts should be imaginative in approach and include traffic calmed streets and nodal points, with frequent changes of direction, and introduce a sense of enclosure to reflect the traditional design and layout found in the Valley.</p> <p>7. Public transport, pedestrian and cycle routes should be incorporated in the layout wherever possible, especially where these can provide safe and convenient routes to schools, local shops and other facilities. The potential to connect the new development to the existing settlement by providing pedestrian and other non-vehicular routes through the site should be fully explored.</p> <p>8. Major developments should consider opportunities to provide car share or car-pooling facilities.</p> <p>Parking Provision and Standards</p> <p>9. In all cases where development is proposed in the Green Belt regard must be had to relevant local and national Green Belt planning policies.</p>	<p>Strategic Road Network, and only to the other two levels of the hierarchy as required locally. The third level of the hierarchy will be only for light traffic.</p> <p>F. Sustainable transport patterns will be sought that complement the development strategy (DS1). Travel Plans will be used to encourage behavioural change to achieve a reduction in the need to travel, and to change public attitudes toward car usage and public transport, walking and cycling. Travel Plans to reduce traffic movements and safeguard transport infrastructure will be required on appropriate new developments and encouraged on existing developments.</p> <p>T3: Design of transport infrastructure</p> <p>A. Transport infrastructure, including roads, bridges, lighting, signing, other street furniture and public transport infrastructure, will be carefully designed and maintained to take full account of the valued characteristics of the National Park.</p> <p>B. Particular attention will be given to using the minimum infrastructure necessary and also to make transport interchanges welcoming and safe.</p> <p>C. Mitigation measures will be provided where transport infrastructure severs wildlife routes.</p> <p>T6: Routes for walking, cycling and horse</p>	

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<p>10. Where planning permission is required proposals to convert existing garaging into non-parking provision are discouraged unless suitable alternative off-road parking is available.</p> <p>11. In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, proposals to develop 'park and walk' or 'park and ride' facilities to access Holmfirth town centre or festivals / events in the valley will be supported provided they comply with other relevant policies and mitigate any detrimental impact on the landscape through appropriate surfacing and screening as necessary. Park and ride would not be appropriate in the Peak District National Park part of the Neighbourhood Area as it would harm the valued characteristics of the area.</p> <p>12. New developments in that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, should provide off-road parking provision in line with Kirklees Local Plan policy LP22 (Parking) and the Council's latest guidance on highway design. Parking areas should be designed sensitively and use suitable materials which are sympathetic to the character of the local area</p>	<p>riding, and waterways</p> <p>A. The Rights of Way network will be safeguarded from development, and wherever appropriate enhanced to improve connectivity, accessibility and access to transport interchanges. This may include facilitating attractive safe pedestrian and cycle routes between new residential or industrial developments and the centre of settlements. Where a development proposal affects a Right of Way, every effort will be made to accommodate the definitive route or provide an equally good or better alternative.</p> <p>B. The Manifold, Tissington and High Peak Trails, and other long distance routes, will be protected from development that conflicts with their purpose. The continuity of the Trans Pennine Trail and the Monsal Trail will be retained, irrespective of any future rail use, by realignment if required.</p> <p>C. Wherever appropriate, disused railway lines will be used for walking, cycling and equestrian use until such time as a railway scheme is granted.</p> <p>D. The Huddersfield Narrow Canal will be protected as an inland waterway.</p> <p>T7: Minimising the adverse impact of motor vehicles and managing the demand for car and coach parks</p> <p>A. Existing traffic management schemes will</p>	

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<p>(see Heritage and Character Assessment). Proposals should also aim to maximise accessibility for all groups through careful and considerate design. Development schemes should include provision of electric vehicle charging points wherever practicable.</p> <p>13. Where communal parking is required for apartment development, it should be conveniently located close to the dwellings it is intended to serve.</p>	<p>be reviewed in partnership with the relevant Highway Authorities, to ensure that they accord with policy T1, encouraging a modal shift away from motor vehicles. Within environmentally sensitive locations, additional traffic management schemes will be undertaken where there is a demonstrable need.</p> <p>B. Residential parking and operational parking for service and delivery vehicles will be the minimum required for operational purposes, taking into account environmental constraints and future requirements.</p> <p>C. Non-residential parking will be restricted in order to discourage car use, and will be managed to ensure that the location and nature of car and coach parking does not exceed environmental capacity. New non-operational parking will normally be matched by a reduction of related parking spaces elsewhere, and wherever possible it will be made available for public use.</p> <p>D. Park and ride schemes will be encouraged to the main visitor areas, where they can be accommodated without harm to the valued characteristics of the area and will provide a net environmental benefit to the National Park.</p>	
<p>Policy 12: Promoting Sustainability</p> <p>All major development as defined in the NPPF</p>	<p>CC1: Climate change mitigation and adaptation</p> <p>In order to build in resilience to and mitigate</p>	<p>NDP Policy 12 provides a greater level of detail to add value to Core Strategy Policy CC1 which requires development to build in resilience to</p>

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<p>must prepare a sustainability statement which outlines how the development will evaluate and contribute to the following elements of sustainability.</p> <p>Promoting Renewable Energy</p> <p>1) In all cases where development is proposed in the Green Belt regard must be had to relevant local and national Green Belt policies.</p> <p>2) In that part of the neighbourhood area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority, proposals for individual and community scale energy from hydro-electric, solar photovoltaic panels, biomass, anaerobic digestion and ground source heating will be supported where they can be achieved without conflicting with the NDP policies to protect and enhance the landscape and built character of the Valley.</p> <p>3) New major developments should install district heating from renewable resources and will be expected to deliver an on-site heat network, unless it can be demonstrated that this would render the development unviable. In this case, developers must demonstrate that they have worked with 3rd parties, commercial or community, to</p>	<p>the causes of climate change all development must:</p> <p>A. Make the most efficient and sustainable use of land, buildings and natural resources.</p> <p>B. Take account of the energy hierarchy by:</p> <p>I. reducing the need for energy;</p> <p>II. using energy more efficiently;</p> <p>III. supplying energy efficiently; and</p> <p>IV. using low carbon and renewable energy.</p> <p>C. Be directed away from flood risk areas, and seek to reduce overall risk from flooding within the National Park and areas outside it, upstream and downstream.</p> <p>D. Achieve the highest possible standards of carbon reductions.</p> <p>E. Achieve the highest possible standards of water efficiency.</p> <p>In all new and replacement housing, other than affordable housing of less than 3 units, a minimum sustainability standard, equivalent to that required by the government of affordable housing, shall be achieved unless the applicant provides evidence to demonstrate that it is not viable for a particular development.</p> <p>Non-residential major development above 1000m² floorspace must achieve a Buildings Emissions Rate at least 10% less than the Target Emissions Rate.</p> <p>CC2: Low carbon and renewable energy</p>	<p>and mitigate the causes of climate change. NDP Policy 12 is also in general conformity with Core Strategy Policies CC2 which encourages low carbon and renewable energy development provided they can be accommodated without adversely affecting landscape character and other assets and CC5 which aims to ensure development is sited and designed to reduce flood risk and the effects of flooding.</p>

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<p>assess the opportunity.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency</p> <p>4) Sustainable, energy efficient designs should be used in all new buildings. Reclaimed materials from sustainable sources should be used where possible.</p> <p>5) Wherever possible all new non-residential buildings should achieve a BREEAM rating of excellent or outstanding.</p> <p>6) All new buildings should aim to meet a high level of sustainability, design and construction and be optimised for energy efficiency, targeting zero carbon emissions. This might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Orientation to optimise passive solar gain. b. Use of high quality, thermally efficient building materials, subject to consideration of local character and context - see Policies 1 and 2. c. Installation of loft and wall insulation and double/triple glazing. d. On site energy generation from renewable resources. <p>7) Wherever possible, all new buildings should incorporate technologies which</p>	<p>development</p> <p>A. Proposals for low carbon and renewable energy development will be encouraged provided they can be accommodated without adversely affecting landscape character, cultural heritage assets, other valued characteristics, or other established uses of the area;</p> <p>B. Cumulative impacts of low carbon and renewable energy development within the National Park and visible beyond its boundary must be taken into account;</p> <p>C. Where proposals do not compromise the valued characteristics of the National Park the Authority will also take into account the economic, social and wider environmental benefits of renewable and low carbon development.</p>	

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<p>generate 50% energy from low carbon or renewable sources.</p> <p>8) Retrofitting of older properties to reduce energy demand and to generate renewable energy is encouraged where proposals are sensitive to local character. Alterations to existing properties should be designed to reduce energy demand and comply with sustainable design and construction.</p> <p>Encouraging Sustainable Living</p> <p>9) The creation of community gardens and further allotments space in the valley for local food growing will be supported.</p>		
<p>Policy 13: Protecting Wildlife and Securing Biodiversity Net Gain</p> <p>All major development proposals should demonstrate how biodiversity will be protected and enhanced including the local wildlife, ecological networks, designated Local Wildlife Sites and habitats.</p> <p>New major development should create a measurable net gain in natural capital and biodiversity. Direct and indirect impacts upon biodiversity and/or geodiversity should be avoided. Where impacts cannot be avoided,</p>	<p>L2: Sites of biodiversity or geodiversity importance</p> <p>A. Development must conserve and enhance any sites, features or species of biodiversity importance and where appropriate their setting.</p> <p>B. Other than in exceptional circumstances development will not be permitted where it is likely to have an adverse impact on any sites, features or species of biodiversity importance or their setting that have statutory designation or are of international or national importance for their biodiversity.</p> <p>C. Development must conserve and enhance</p>	<p>Policy 13 was added to the NDP following the SEA. It seeks to protect biodiversity in line with Core Strategy Policy L2.</p>

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<p>mitigation and then as a last resort compensatory measures (for example biodiversity offsetting) should be provided.</p> <p>A biodiversity net gain can be achieved through development by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. managing habitats retained within the development site to improve quality; 2. securing local off-site habitat management to provide an overall benefit; 3. a combination of the above. 	<p>any sites or features of geodiversity importance and where appropriate their setting.</p> <p>D. Other than in exceptional circumstances, development will not be permitted where it is likely to have an adverse impact on any sites or features of geodiversity importance or their setting that have statutory designation or are of international or national importance for their geodiversity.</p>	

3.6 f. Be Compatible with EU Obligations

The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is fully compatible with EU Obligations.

European Convention on Human Rights

The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is fully compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. It has been prepared with full regard to national statutory regulation and policy guidance, which are both compatible with the Convention. The Plan has been produced in full consultation with the local community. The Plan does not contain policies or proposals that would infringe the human rights of residents or other stakeholders over and above the existing strategic policies at national and district-levels, as demonstrated below.

The Human Rights Act 1998 incorporated into UK law the European Convention on Human Rights (“The Convention”). The Convention includes provision in the form of Articles, the aim of which is to protect the rights of the individual.

Section 6 of the Act prohibits public bodies from acting in a manner, which is incompatible with the Convention. Various rights outlined in the Convention and its First Protocol are to be considered in the process of making and considering planning decisions, namely:

Article 1 of the First Protocol protects the right of everyone to the peaceful enjoyment of possessions. No one can be deprived of possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided by law and by the general principles of international law. The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is fully compatible with the rights outlined in this Article. Although the Submission Plan includes policies that would restrict

development rights to some extent, this does not have a greater impact than the general restrictions on development rights provided for in national law, namely the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Localism Act 2011. The restriction of development rights inherent in the UK's statutory planning system is demonstrably in the public interest by ensuring that land is used in the most sustainable way, avoiding or mitigating adverse impacts on the environment, community and economy.

Article 6 protects the right to a fair and public hearing before an independent tribunal in determination of an individual's rights and obligations. The process for Neighbourhood Plan production is fully compatible with this Article, allowing for extensive consultation on its proposals at various stages, and an independent examination process to consider representations received.

Article 14 provides that "The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in ... [the] ... European Convention on Human Rights shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status." The Parish Council has developed the policies and proposals within the Plan in full consultation with the community and wider stakeholders to produce as inclusive a document as possible. In general, the policies and proposals will not have a discriminatory impact on any particular group of individuals.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Regulation 15 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations was amended to require that when a plan is submitted to the Local Planning Authority it should include either an environmental report prepared in accordance with the applicable regulations or where it has been determined as unlikely to have significant environmental effects, a statement of reasons for the determination.

Kirklees Council prepared an initial Screening Report in November 2018 which concluded that the neighbourhood plan would need a more detailed Environmental Assessment in line with the SEA Directive.

The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report was prepared by consultants AECOM in April 2019. The report presents a review of evidence and identifies key environmental/ sustainability issues and objectives that, if proposed, should fall within the scope of (and be a focus of) future assessment work. The report was structured under the following series of thematic headings: air quality; biodiversity; climatic factors (including flood risk); landscape; historic environment; land, soil and water resources; population and community; health and wellbeing; and transportation. Within each thematic chapter a review of evidence and initial analysis of issues is presented under three headings – policy context, current, and future baseline – before a fourth heading presents a concise summary of the key issues identified. A fifth and final heading then identifies one or more objectives that encapsulate the key issues identified.

The list of objectives established within the report served as a methodological framework to guide future assessment.

The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Environmental Report was prepared by consultants AECOM and published in June 2019.

The Conclusions and Recommendations are set out in Section 5 and are reproduced below:

Conclusions and recommendations

5.48 The Draft HVNP performs well overall against all the SEA themes, and multiple potential benefits to the local community are identified.

5.49 The Draft HVNP aims to balance the requirements of local communities, biodiversity, access, and conservation whilst addressing the challenging prospects of future climate change. Whilst no further development sites are proposed through the Draft HVNP, it does seek to ensure that growth directed to the area by the KLP delivers a wide range of housing, targeted at addressing housing imbalances in terms of type, size and tenure.

5.50 Opportunities to improve accessibility and support pedestrian and cycle networks through future development are well considered, and ambitious actions are identified, including improvements to rail provisions in the Plan area.

5.51 The Draft HVNP aims to support future development in a way that integrates existing heritage, landscape and architecture, reinforcing the unique characteristics of the area. Further to this the Draft HVNP supports opportunities for improving townscape and the tourism appeal of the plan area's highly valued environment, seeking to secure long-term local economies that can support thriving centres and high-quality service and facility provisions.

5.52 Four new Local Green Spaces are identified for protection, and will deliver benefits by retaining valued local spaces that contribute to health and wellbeing, recreational assets and townscape character.

5.53 Overall, recommendations are limited, which is unsurprising given the overall positive performance of the Draft HVNP with regards to the SEA themes, possible suggestions to strengthen the plan or maximise positive effects could however include:

- Dedicated policy commitments to the 'biodiversity net gain' principle.*
- Additional policy wording which seeks to enhance value and legibility in relation to the historic environment. This could include statements concerning the value of heritage to a sense of identity, place and wellbeing for both residents and visitors with consequent economic and retail advantages and with implications for local authorities, public utilities and private owners. Legibility improvements could include signage, waymarking, trails and heritage focal points.*

- *In light of limited capacity to act on large scale transport infrastructure, policy wording in the Draft HVNP in support for installation of EV charging stations through future developments could bring significant benefits to the transportation, climate change and health and wellbeing themes. Whilst this would do little to curb traffic congestion, greater sustainability through reduced emissions, and health benefits from improved air quality in settlements could be realised through making EVs a more realistic option for plan area residents.*

Requirement for Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Article 6 (3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires that an appropriate assessment of plans and programmes is carried out with regard to the conservation objectives of European Sites (Natura 2000 sites) and that other plans and projects identify any significant effect that is likely for any European Site. In the context of neighbourhood planning, a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) is required where a Neighbourhood Plan is deemed likely to result in significant negative effects occurring on protected European Sites (Natura 2000 sites) as a result of the plan's implementation.

Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening HRA Screening Report was prepared by LUC in July 2019. The conclusions are set out in Section 5 and reproduced below:

5.1 The HRA screening of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019 to 2031 has been undertaken in accordance with currently available guidance and based on a precautionary approach as required under the Habitats Regulations.

5.2 The HRA screening has concluded that likely significant effects on the integrity of European sites within and around Holme Valley from policies in the NDP will not occur in relation to:

- *Physical loss of or damage to habitat.*
- *Non-physical disturbance: noise, vibration and light pollution.*
- *Water quantity and quality.*
- *Air pollution.*
- *Recreation and urban impacts.*

5.3 Although Policies 6, 7 and 8 support development within the existing urban areas, this is not expected to be over and above that set out in spatial strategy of the Kirklees Local Plan. As such, the NDP does not propose any additional development; rather it will guide and inform that development as it comes forward. The Kirklees Local Plan was subject to HRA which concluded no adverse impacts on the integrity of European sites would occur. Therefore, the Holme Valley NDP does not need to be assessed further.

5.4 In conclusion, the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan 2019 to 2031 will not give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, and Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required.

The Submission version of the NDP was assessed and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan, Environmental Report, Holme Valley Parish Council by AECOM was published in March 2020.

Several further changes were recommended and taken on board in the final version of the Submission Plan.

These are set out below in Table 4:

Table 4 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan, Environmental Report, Holme Valley Parish Council, March 2020

Report Recommendations and Comments	HVNDP Policies	Further changes needed
<p>Biodiversity As a result, the HVNP is anticipated to lead to significant positive effects overall and in the long-term with regards to biodiversity. The policies complement the existing planning policy framework in delivering benefits for biodiversity. Recommendations in relation to the HVNP could include a commitment to ‘biodiversity net gain’ though it is recognised that this concept is given strategic weight already under the provisions of the NPPF (2019) and the Government’s 25-year Environment Plan (2018).</p>	<p>Refer to revised new Policy 13. Includes a requirement for new major development to create a measurable net gain in natural capital and biodiversity.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Climate Change Overall, the implementation of the HVNP is considered likely to lead to minor long-term positive effects in relation to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The policies complement the existing planning policy framework in delivering measures that support emissions reductions and proactive strategies to adapt in response to climate change.</p>	<p>Various noted in the report.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Historic Environment Overall, it is deemed that the HVNP, in conjunction with the higher-level policy</p>	<p>Policy 2</p>	<p>Add to supporting text:</p>

<p>suite, provides sufficient policy mitigation to ensure that future development will not detract from the valued historic environment of the Plan area. Parish Council actions stemming from the HVNP are likely to realise benefits for the historic environment in the long-term, and as a result, overall minor positive effects are anticipated. Whilst overall positive effects are anticipated, recommendations to enhance potential positive effects could include additional policy wording which seeks to enhance value and legibility in relation to the historic environment. This could include statements concerning the value of heritage to a sense of identity, place and wellbeing for both residents and visitors with consequent economic and retail advantages and with implications for local authorities, public utilities and private owners. Legibility improvements could include signage, waymarking, trails and heritage focal points.</p>		<p>The HVNDP Environmental Report, 2020 advised that 'the sheer volume of identified assets within the Plan area depicts the strong historical values associated with the settlement areas and beyond.'</p> <p>There is a need for the NDP to recognise the value of heritage to a sense of identity, place and wellbeing for both residents and visitors. The unique sense of place associated with the strongly defined local character and built heritage has significant economic and retail advantages but also has implications for local authorities, public utilities and private owners.</p> <p>Insert additional text to 2) Sense of Place: Legibility improvements are encouraged such as signage, waymarking, trails and heritage focal points.</p>
<p>Landscape</p>	<p>Policy 1</p>	<p>None.</p>

<p>Overall, it is considered that the HVNP, alongside the higher-level policy suite, provides a robust framework for the protection and enhancement of the local landscape. It is recognised that sensitive development requirements will maintain and potentially enhance the existing townscape character, and further protect landscape character by avoiding development where it may adversely impact upon the characteristic features of the plan area, Green Belt, and the wider landscape setting within and adjacent to the National Park. The policy framework seeks to strike a balance; providing strong design guidance to minimise risk without stifling new and creative design responses. In this respect, minor long-term positive effects are anticipated overall with regards to this SEA theme.</p>	<p>Policy 10</p>	
<p>Population and Community The HVNP seeks to address imbalances in the housing market, supporting high-quality design and good accessibility in new development. The HVNP also seeks to maximise opportunities for place-based local economies, including by bolstering tourism relating to the rural landscape and towns and villages of the area. The Plan overall is anticipated to lead to minor long-term positive effects with regards to this SEA theme, by supporting inclusive communities and development that meets local needs.</p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing Overall, it is predicted that the HVNP will lead to minor long-term positive effects regarding the Health & Wellbeing SEA theme, mostly through and emphasis on protecting valued community assets, identifying new spaces to be protected as designated Local Green Spaces, and supporting improvements to services and facilities for health and recreation.</p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Transportation Overall, the HVNP promotes the inclusion of sustainable transport considerations in any new development, as well as ensuring new developments are connected to each other and the existing transport networks. Outside of the Local Plan development strategy for Holme Valley, brownfield sites are advocated for any further development, increasing possibilities to ensure developments are well connected to existing and new pedestrian and cycle</p>	<p>Refer to Policy 11. This includes: " Development schemes should include provision of electric vehicle charging points wherever practicable."</p>	<p>None.</p>

<p>routes where possible. This is alongside efforts to deliver benefits locally in terms of active travel and sustainable transport opportunities. As such, minor long-term positive effects are considered likely overall.</p> <p>5.46 The policy framework is considered an overall positive contribution to this SEA objective, and recommendations are limited, but stronger policy to act on the introduction of electric vehicle infrastructure could enhance these positive effects.</p>		
<p>Other recommendations</p> <p>5.50 Overall, recommendations are limited, which is unsurprising given the overall positive performance of the HVNP with regards to the SEA themes, possible suggestions to strengthen the plan or maximise positive effects could however include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional policy wording which seeks to enhance value and legibility in relation to the historic environment. This could include statements concerning the value of heritage to a sense of identity, place and wellbeing for both residents and visitors with consequent economic and retail advantages and with implications for local authorities, public utilities and private owners. Legibility improvements could include signage, waymarking, trails and heritage focal points. 	<p>See above.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan has been amended to reflect Kirklees Council’s recommendations to remove wording in relation to ‘Extreme weather and flooding’. However, Kirklees Council still recognise the benefit of the additional encouragement for certain types of green infrastructure in the NDP area. It is therefore advised that the NDP re-instate the below wording under the planting sub-heading in Policy 2, in line with the council’s recommendations. It is recognised that this would add a 	<p>This was in Policy 2 but now moved to Policy 1 following Kirklees' latest comments.</p>	<p>Add to new landscaping section (5) in Policy 1:</p> <p><u>Use of “green” or “living” and “blue” roofs is encouraged where adverse impacts on local character and</u></p>

<p>level of precision about the inclusion of specific types of green infrastructure which is not evident in the Kirklees Local Plan and therefore could result in minor positive effects for the Holme Valley area.</p> <p><i>“Use of “green” or “living” and “blue” roofs is encouraged where adverse impacts on local character and distinctiveness are minimised.”</i></p>		<p><u>distinctiveness are minimised.</u></p> <p>Add new para in supporting text: The HVNDP Environmental Report, 2020 advised that specific types of green infrastructure not evident in the Kirklees Local Plan could result in minor positive effects for the Holme Valley area and suggested that the Policy should encourage "living" and "blue" roofs where adverse impacts on local character and distinctiveness are minimised.</p> <p>Include in footnote: A blue roof a sustainable drainage method designed to provide initial temporary water storage and then gradual release of stored water.</p> <p>A living roof or green roof is partially or completely covered with vegetation and a growing medium, planted over a waterproofing membrane.</p>
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3.7 The NDP must not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (d)

The NDP does not include any site allocations for development, and as set out in the conclusion of the HRA the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan 2019 to 2031 will not give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects and therefore further appropriate assessment is not required.

3.8 g. Prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Order (or plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order (or neighbourhood plan).

The prescribed conditions have therefore been met in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the Plan.

June 2020

Holme Valley Parish Council