

# **Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan 2020-2031 Consultation Statement**



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## 1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)<sup>1</sup> which defines a “consultation statement” as *a document which –*

*(a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;*

*(b) explains how they were consulted;*

*(c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*

*(d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.*

1.2 Planning Practice Guidance provides further advice:

*"A qualifying body should be inclusive and open in the preparation of its Neighbourhood Plan (or Order) and ensure that the wide community:*

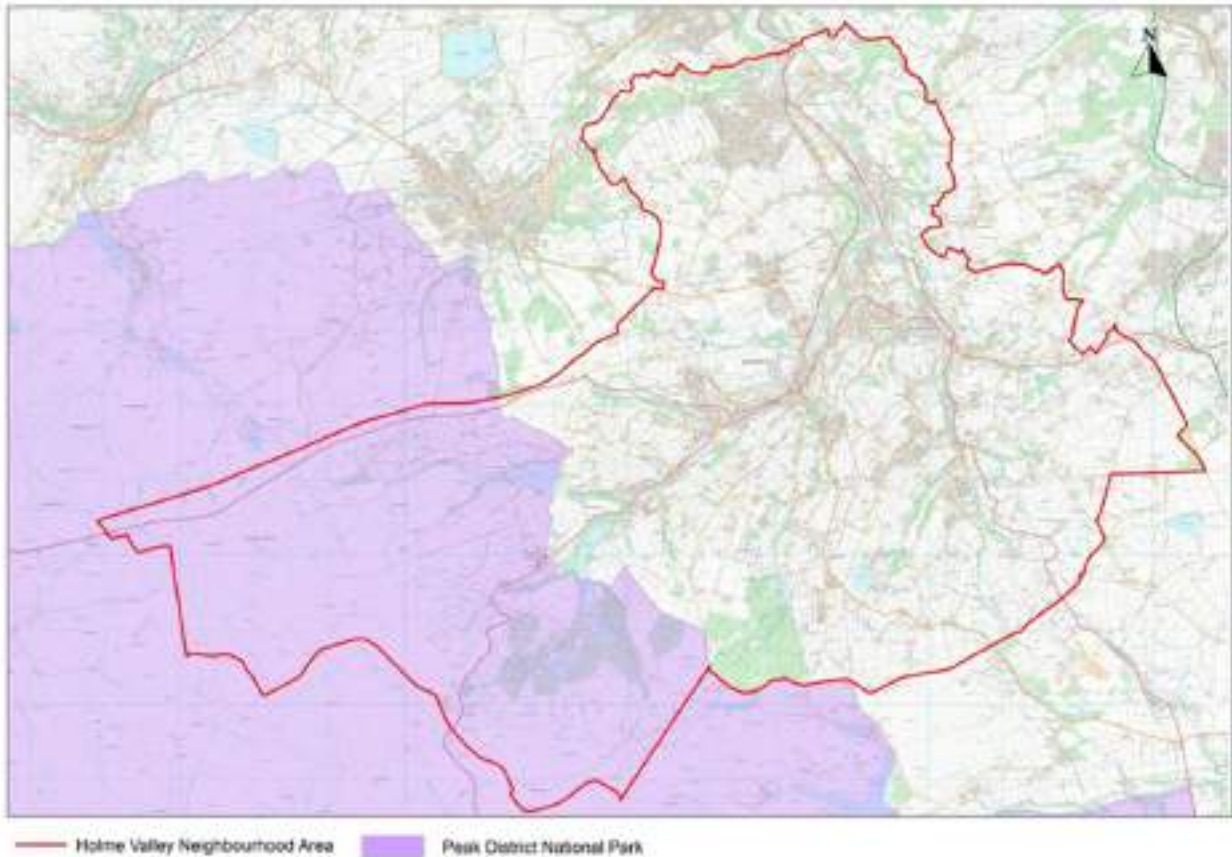
- Is kept fully informed of what is being proposed*
- Is able to make their views known throughout the process*
- Has opportunities to be actively involved in shaping the emerging Neighbourhood Plan (or Order)*
- Is made aware of how their views have informed the draft Neighbourhood Plan (or Order). Reference ID: 41-047-20140306.*

1.3 Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, which gives parish councils and other relevant bodies, new powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Plans to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan, and neighbourhood plans form part of this Framework. Other new powers include Community Right to Build Orders whereby local communities have the ability to grant planning permission for new buildings.

1.4 Work began on the Holme Valley NDP when the Parish Council made the decision to prepare a Plan. The Parish Council applied to become a designated neighbourhood planning body in September 2014. Applications were sent to both Kirklees Council and Peak District National Park Authority. The neighbourhood area is the same as the Civil Parish boundary and was approved on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The designated neighbourhood area is shown on Map 1.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/contents/made>



**Map 1 Holme Valley Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area and Parish Boundary**

- 1.5 Holme Valley Vision network, a body represented on the NDP Steering Group, undertook considerable research in advance of the NDP in 2012 and 2013 to understand what mattered most to people in the Holme Valley area. The research undertaken at that time, with involvement for local businesses, young people and residents was updated and expanded and data gathered about the interests and make-up of the local population were used to inform the early work on the Neighbourhood Plan. The strap line for the project was “making the Holme Valley a good place to live and work in and to visit”. This has now been developed into a vision for the Holme Valley Parish and underpins the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.6 In 2016, dedicated web pages for the NDP were set up under the Holme Valley Parish Council website – see [https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Neighbourhood\\_Plan\\_22997.aspx](https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan_22997.aspx) . These pages have been maintained and kept up to date throughout the Plan's preparation and have been used to promote and support the various consultation stages. The website includes links to all key documents on the NDP evidence base and provided information about each consultation process and how responses from previous consultations have informed each of the next iterations of the Plan. Links to online consultation processes were also provided at each stage.
- 1.7 At the start of preparing the Plan, in March 2016, a Steering Group comprising parish councillors, local residents and representatives of local businesses and voluntary organisations was established. **Appendix 1** shows the information provided on the Parish

Council website seeking members at the start of the process. The Steering Group meetings were informally recorded with a formal report given orally to the Planning Committee as a standing item at each Planning meeting. These reports are captured in the minutes of the Planning Committee and available on the Parish Council's website at:

[https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Planning\\_Committee\\_23015.aspx](https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Planning_Committee_23015.aspx)

Meetings are held in the Parish Council Offices at the Holmfirth Civic Hall and are open to the public.

## 2.0 Issues and Options Consultation, May to July 2017



**Consultation Event, Honley, 19th June 2017**

- 2.1 A public consultation on Issues and Options for the NDP was undertaken in Summer 2017. An Issues and Options document and accompanying questionnaire (**see NDP website, 2017 Consultation Folder**) were prepared by the steering group and published for informal consultation from 10<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
- 2.2 The consultation was widely publicised across the area through notices in the local paper and magazines, and the distribution of posters in public buildings and on noticeboards throughout all the villages, Honley and Holmfirth. It was also advertised on the Parish Council website, through Facebook and the networks of all the steering group members who represent a range of community groups. A total of 5000 paper flyers and electronic copies were distributed through all the primary and secondary schools, pre-schools, churches and doctor's surgeries as well as local shops and public buildings including the libraries. Copies of publicity are provided in **Appendix 2**.
- 2.3 A number of open, drop-in events were held across the area and staffed by members of the steering group and parish councillors. All events were open from 1pm to 9pm. The events were:
- June 7<sup>th</sup> at Hade Edge Band Room, HD9 2DF



- June 9<sup>th</sup> at Holmfirth Civic Hall, HD9 3AS
  - June 13<sup>th</sup> at St David's Parish Hall, HD9 2NE
  - June 15<sup>th</sup> at Hepworth Village Hall, HD9 1TE
  - June 19<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Parish Rooms, Honley, HD9 6AH
  - June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wooldale Community Centre, HD9 1XZ
- 2.4 Around 150 local residents attended these events. Copies of the display material are provided in **Appendix 3**.
- 2.5 The Issues and Options document and questionnaire were available on the NDP pages of the Parish Council website (<http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>) and circulated on social media both through the Parish Council Facebook site and through the Holmfirth Community Group which has over 14,000 members. Comments were invited by email or by post to Holme Valley Parish Council, Council Offices, Civic Hall Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JP, by posting them into a box at a drop-in event or subsequently at Honley or Holmfirth libraries.
- 2.6 A report setting out the **Summary results from consultation analysis** is published on the NDP website (**2017 Consultation Folder**).
- 2.7 In total 475 questionnaires were analysed: 228 from Holmfirth High School (marked HHS) and 247 from the main on-line / paper survey (marked Main). The results reflected a wide range of residents with an even mix of male and female respondents as well as a spread of age groups. There were participants from each postcode area within the Valley, so the feedback captured a wide range of views to supplement the other evidence provided by the Steering Group. All responses were read and categorised according to key themes and a summary report is provided on the website.
- 2.8 Overall the responses were used to inform the key themes, vision and objectives and draft policies and proposals in the First Draft NDP. Local residents and businesses were kept updated with progress through ongoing articles in the local paper, the Holme Valley Review and through the Parish Council website and Facebook page. Examples of these updates are given in **Appendix 4**. The Holme Valley Review is a monthly free paper and has a circulation of 16,500 copies per month, distributed to local businesses, community buildings and outlets. It is used by the Parish Council as the main regular form of printed communication within the local area. In addition, members of the steering group updated their networks and attended meetings of community groups across the valley to raise awareness of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and its ongoing development. A list of some of the groups contacted and spoken to during the plan's preparation either as regular updates, through electronic mailings or bespoke talks on the plan is given at **Appendix 5**.



### 3.0 Informal Consultation on the First Draft Plan - Your Valley Your Voice, June to July 2018

- 3.1 The First Draft Plan was published for informal public consultation from 11<sup>th</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The First Draft Plan was published on the NDP pages of the Parish Council website and hard copies were printed and made available at Holmfirth Library, Honley library and the Parish Council offices. Copies of publicity material are provided in **Appendix 6**.
- 3.2 A summary booklet was prepared outlining the purpose of a NDP and detailing the vision, objectives and policies of the draft plan. This was entitled 'Your Valley, Your Voice'. The booklet provided website links to the full Draft Plan and highlighted that printed versions were also available at the locations above. A copy is provided in **Appendix 7** and a copy of the complete version is provided on the **NDP website in the 2018 Consultation** folder.
- 3.3 The booklet was delivered to all residential addresses within the Holme Valley (12,115 properties) and all business addresses, with additional copies distributed to local cafes, churches, doctor's surgeries and through the community groups represented on the Steering Group. Publicity was undertaken through social media, the Parish Council website and the monthly local free paper, the Holme Valley Review.
- 3.4 Recipients of the 'Your Valley, Your Voice' booklet were invited to complete an online questionnaire using Survey Monkey or to complete a paper copy available from Holmfirth or Honley libraries or Holme Valley Parish Council offices (Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS). Completed copies could be deposited in collection boxes in each of those locations during the consultation period.
- 3.5 Questions asked respondents to give their views on the vision, objectives and policies stating in turn whether they agreed with them and asking for any suggestions for improvements. There was also a free text 'any other comments' section so local people could express their general views on the NDP or elaborate further on particular policies of interest. The question about Local Green Space asked for suggestions of green spaces which local people believed needed protection, with reasons setting out why they were special, and all the suggestions were then collated into a list for review and consideration. Respondents were also asked to select their top five priorities for funding received through the Community Infrastructure Levy. These were collated and the broad themes outlined in these summary results.
- 3.6 The completed questionnaires were then entered onto the electronic questionnaire system (Survey Monkey) so all the results (both electronic and hard copies) could be analysed together.
- 3.7 Completed questionnaires were received from 409 different people. In addition, general responses were also received from the following groups, organisations and businesses:
  - Holme Valley South Labour Party
  - Holmfirth Transition Town
  - Peak District National Park
  - Historic England
  - Holme Valley South Kirklees Ward Councillors

- Scholes Future Group
  - Gladman Developments Limited
  - Kirklees Council
- 3.8 Feedback from the public was overwhelmingly positive with all but one policy receiving over 90% support and helpful feedback and comments were received. Some of these comments were quoted in the Draft Plan to highlight community views (referred to as Pre-Regulation 14 consultation).
- 3.9 A summary document was published on the Parish Council website (**see 2018 Consultation Folder, Your Valley Your Voice feedback and its inclusion in Regulation 14 Draft NDP**). This set out the responses to the consultation and how the Draft NDP was amended in response to the various suggestions and comments.
- 3.10 There was also a detailed response from Kirklees Council which was provided as a separate table. Each comment was considered and used to inform revisions to the Draft NDP and the responses are reflected in the updated plan and the table on the Parish Council website. Subsequent meetings with Kirklees considered more specific comments and policy wording was amended where appropriate. This is also provided on the **2018 Consultation Folder, 2018 Kirklees feedback and its inclusion in Regulation 14 Draft NDP**.
- 3.11 The Draft NDP was revised both in terms of provision of additional supporting text and evidence, and amendments to policy wording to improve clarity, reduce repetition and to provide greater local distinctiveness. It also added a number of potential Local Green Spaces following a review by the Steering Group of all the locations suggested in the consultation and testing against the Local Green Spaces criteria set out in the NPPF.
- 3.12 There was a slight delay in the publication of the Regulation 14 Draft Plan while a full Strategic Environmental Assessment was undertaken on the Draft Plan.

## 4.0 Regulation 14 Public Consultation - 15<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Consultation process

- 4.1 The public consultation on the Holme Valley Draft Neighbourhood Plan was carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that:

*Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—*

*(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area:*

*(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;*

*(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;*

*(iii) details of how to make representations; and*

*(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;*

*(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and*

*(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.*

- 4.2 The Draft HVNDP was published for formal consultation for 9 weeks (Regulation 14) from 15th July to 15th September 2019. The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report and associated Non-Technical Summary were also published for consultation alongside the Draft NDP.

- 4.3 Copies of the Draft NDP, SEA and associated documents could be downloaded from the Parish Council's website at [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk). Screenshots of the Parish Council and Kirklees Council webpages are provided in **Appendix 8**.

- 4.4 Hard copies of the Draft NDP, a summary of the policies and the SEA documents could be viewed during normal opening hours at the following locations:

- Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JH
- Honley Library, West Avenue, Honley, HD9 6HF

- 4.5 Hard copies were also available on request to borrow from the Parish Council Clerk by calling the office on 01484 687460 or by emailing: [clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

- 4.6 A link to the online questionnaire was provided on the Parish Council website and this could be completed by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HolmeValleyNDPReg14>

Screenshots of the questionnaire are provided in **Appendix 9**.

- 4.7 A response form could be downloaded and completed and sent in to a dedicated email address: [holmevalleyndp@gmail.com](mailto:holmevalleyndp@gmail.com). Written comments could also be sent into this email address or by post. Hard copies of the response form, which were the same as the on-line questionnaire, were also available at Holmfirth and Honley Libraries. Completed forms could be returned to both libraries for collection or posted to Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS.
- 4.8 The Steering Group hosted four drop-in sessions to assist resident and stakeholders with the questionnaire and to provide further information. These were:
- 11am - 2pm on Friday 26th & Saturday 27th July at Honley Parish Rooms
  - 11am - 2pm on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th September at Holmfirth Library.

Around 40 local residents and stakeholders attended these events.

- 4.9 Stakeholders were also invited to get in touch using the dedicated NDP email address [holmevalleyndp@gmail.com](mailto:holmevalleyndp@gmail.com).
- 4.10 The consultation bodies and other community groups were contacted by email / letter and invited to respond with any comments to the NDP email address or to complete the online questionnaire. Copies of the letter and list of consultation bodies contacted are provided in **Appendix 10**. Kirklees Council and the Peak District National Park Authority were notified by email.
- 4.11 The consultation was widely publicised locally through posters and leaflets distributed through community groups, social media and newspapers with examples of the publicity given in **Appendix 9**.

#### **Summary of responses**

- 4.12 Responses were received from the following:
- 72 members of the public
  - 2 community groups (Holmfirth Transition Town & Scholes Future Group)
  - 1 developer (Gladman Developments Limited)
  - 5 statutory consultees (Cawthorne Parish Council; Historic England; National Grid; Natural England; Sport England)
  - Kirklees Council
  - Peak District National Park Authority
- 4.13 Approximately 40 people attended the drop-in sessions held in Holmfirth and Honley to ask the Steering Group for further information about the NDP. Anecdotally, people who had previously responded in the informal consultation in 2018 commented that they did not need to reply again as the NDP still reflected their priorities despite being updated.

#### **Analysis of responses**

- 4.14 All the responses were collated into tables for analysis of each question and the detail of the plan as follows:
- Tables 1A & 1B Kirklees Council

- Table 2 Peak District National Park Authority
- Table 3 Consultation Bodies
- Table 4 Community Groups
- Table 5 Developers and Landowners
- Tables for residents' responses to each policy and general questions about the NDP and SEA as follows:

1) Policy 1: Protecting and enhancing the landscape character of the Holme Valley

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

2) Policy 2: Protecting and enhancing the built character and conservation areas of the Holme Valley and promoting high quality design

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

3) Policy 3: Conserving and enhancing local non-designated heritage assets

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

4) Policy 4: Promoting high quality shop fronts, and advertisements

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

5) Policy 5: Promoting high quality public realm

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

6) Policy 6: Building homes for the future

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

7) Policy 7: Supporting business generation

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

8) Policy 8: Facilitating development in Holmfirth, Honley and other local centres

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

9) Policy 9: Protecting and enhancing local community facilities

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

10) Policy 10: Protecting local green space

We have identified four sites: Scholes Well Garden (Marsh Road), Scholes Sandygate Fields (between Sandy Gate & Scholes Moor Road), Wooldale Chapel Field (between Bill Lane & Robert Lane) and Hade Edge Gateway Triangle (between Penistone Road & Dunford Road).

*Do you have any additional information to strengthen the cases for these sites to receive protection from development? Please indicate which site you are referring to.*

11) Policy 11: Improving transport, accessibility and local infrastructure

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

12) Policy 12: Promoting sustainability

*Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?*

13) Overall, do you support the aims of the plan and its future progression to referendum?

14) Do you have any other comments on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan?

15) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

*Do you have any comments on this report?*

**The Response Tables have been combined into a single document Appendix 11 (which is provided as alongside this Consultation Statement).**

### **Main themes of responses**

#### **a) Kirklees Council's responses**

- 4.15 Kirklees Council considered the plan in detail, with officers providing comprehensive comments and clarifications. Their main concerns were regarding consistency of wording throughout the document, their effective interpretation of policies when considering planning applications and the provision of robust evidence and justification of all the policies. They also highlighted the relationship with the Local Plan and sought to reduce any duplication and contradictions whilst providing the locally specific detail that the NDP wished to reflect. Kirklees raised concerns over the justification for inclusion of the Local Green Spaces, Scholes Sandygate Fields and Hade Edge Gateway Triangle.
- 4.16 Members of the Steering Group met with officers from Kirklees Council on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to discuss their comments and proposed revisions to policies to address their concerns. An updated full draft of the plan was then shared with Kirklees Council in March 2020 for final comment prior to Submission.

#### **b) Peak District National Park Authority's responses**

- 4.17 The main feedback from the PDNPA was that the NDP was not sufficiently clear that part of the Holme Valley was within the Peak District and therefore there were some conformity issues in areas where the PDNPA planning policies applied. As a result, the relevant HVNDP policies were amended, to refer to the Kirklees Council area and PDNPA area. An updated full draft of the plan was then shared with the PDNPA in March 2020.

#### **c) Consultation Bodies' responses**

- 4.18 Historic England was supportive of the plan and reflected on the inclusion of their previous feedback. Cawthorne Parish Council had no substantive comments but gave a positive endorsement of the NDP's presentation and content. National Grid advised that there was none of their apparatus within our area so had no substantive comments. Natural England confirmed that they had no specific comments on the plan whilst Sport England confirmed that it was important that the NDP referred to the role of open spaces and healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling. As these bodies all endorsed the plan and their considerations had already been included, no further changes were made.

#### **d) Community Groups' responses**

4.19 Holmfirth Transition Town (HoTT) provided detailed comments on strengthening the sections on renewable energy, energy efficiency and the importance of community facilities. It also recommended including reference to community led housing and the Community Right to Build Order. Policy 6 was updated accordingly regarding housing. HoTT highlighted the need to include reference to the Climate Emergency Action Plan which has now been adopted by the Parish Council and this has now been reflected throughout the NDP.

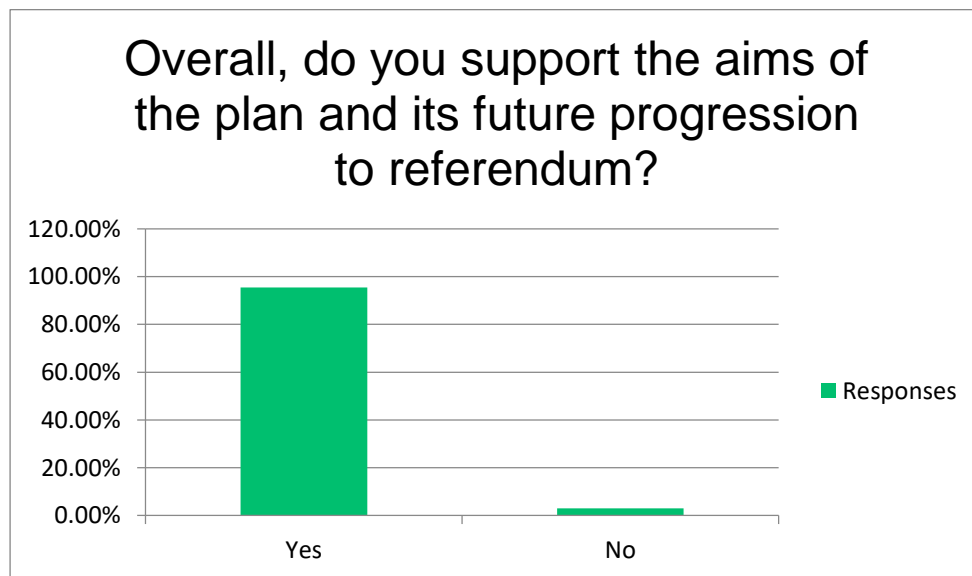
4.20 Scholes Future Group provided additional justification for the inclusion of the local green space at Scholes Sandygate Fields. This has been reflected in the updated NDP.

**e) Developers & Landowners’ responses**

4.21 One developer submitted comments: Gladman Development Limited. This set out concerns about consistency with national planning policy and whether the NDP was too prescriptive. It also objected to the inclusion of Local Green Space, Scholes Sandygate Fields, as it did not believe it had sufficient justification.

**f) Residents’ responses**

4.22 Overall, residents were supportive of the aims of the NDP with 95% respondents supporting its future progression to referendum.



4.23 The issues raised in the residents’ feedback were generally supportive comments reiterating the importance of elements within the proposed policies. Quotes from respondents were included in the updated Plan to provide further justification of policies and clarity of local views.

- 4.24 Several clear issues were reflected in the comments which were:
- **Housing**
    - o ongoing concern about additional housing and associated infrastructure and what could be done to resist it
    - o the need for small, affordable housing and use of brownfield sites
  - **Economic viability**
    - o need for ongoing support for town / village centres in terms of independent shops and facilities such as libraries



- resistance to more charity shops
- **Highways, transport & accessibility**
  - lack of sufficient consideration of improved accessibility to shops and services
  - highways concerns and the need for a higher priority for pedestrians & cyclists
  - reference to the Holmfirth Town Centre Access plan and concerns about its impact on the town
  - support for limiting HGV access and implementing 20mph zones.
- **Sustainability & climate emergency**
  - not enough focus on sustainability throughout the plan
  - lack of consideration of the climate emergency
  - importance of the environment and tree planting
- **Impact of the plan**
  - Whilst the plan was viewed as comprehensive, there was some scepticism over how much difference it would make
  - Concerns about the practical implementation by planning officers at Kirklees.
- **Local green spaces**
  - additional information refining the Hade Edge Gateway Triangle & Scholes Sandygate Fields boundaries

4.25 There were limited comments on the Strategic Environmental Assessment which reiterated concerns about housing and suggested that the NDP should be aiming for more positive environmental effects from the NDP.

#### **Main updates made to the NDP as a result of the Regulation 14 consultation**

##### **a) Policies**

4.26 All NDP policies were reviewed and refined to make wording clearer and easier to interpret. The sustainability policy was amended to form two policies with a separate policy focused on protecting wildlife and securing biodiversity net gain.

The policies in the Submission Plan are now therefore:

1. Protecting and enhancing the landscape character of the Holme Valley
2. Protecting and enhancing the built character and conservation areas of the Holme Valley and promoting high quality design
3. Conserving and enhancing local non-designated heritage assets
4. Design Codes for high quality shop fronts, and advertisements
5. Promoting high quality public realm and improvements to gateways and highways
6. Building homes for the future
7. Supporting economic activity
8. Facilitating development in Holmfirth, Honley and other local centres
9. Protecting and enhancing local community facilities
10. Protecting local green space
11. Improving transport, accessibility and local infrastructure
12. Promoting sustainability
13. Protecting Wildlife and Securing Biodiversity Net Gain

14. Focusing developer contributions on local priorities.

**b) Justification & evidence**

- 4.27 The references to the technical evidence base and community consultations were revised, to include quotes from the public consultations and further detail about relevant Kirklees Local Plan and PDNPA policies. Some of the detail of the Landscape Character Assessment information in the AECOM report was moved to an Appendix and improved maps and references were provided throughout. Further clarification was provided about the Peak District National Park Authority part of the NDP area.

**c) Detail within the NDP**

- 4.28 The wording was revised and explanations clarified, with more graphics or photographic images added to aid understanding. The Climate Change emergency was reflected throughout the document and up to date detail was provided on the Holmfirth Town Centre Access plan and current community activities. The Local Green Space maps for the Hade Edge Gateway Triangle & Scholes Sandygate Fields sites were amended to cover slightly smaller areas and the justifications for each site were reworded to align more clearly with the National Planning Policy Framework requirements.

## 5.0 Further comments from Kirklees Council and Peak District National Park on Submission Version of the NDP.

- 5.1 The Submission NDP, Basic Conditions Statement and Response Tables were provided to the two local planning authorities for final comment prior to formal submission. The two authorities provided further comments and these were considered by the Steering Group and resulted in a number of further changes to the Submission Plan.
- 5.2 The following tables summarise the main comments and show where further changes were made to the NDP.

**Table 5A Kirklees Council Comments**

| <b>Kirklees Council Comments</b>   | <b>Consideration and Further Changes to NDP</b>   |
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| <p>Key points<br/>Holme Valley Heritage and Character Assessment Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council notes that the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (HVNPSG) has opted to repeat only the key characteristics of each Landscape Character Area in Appendix 7, rather than include text that would help guide applicants and officers through the requirements of Policy 1 and Policy 2 (and elsewhere). The Council is concerned that the Heritage and Character Assessment Report is insufficiently detailed to allow the proper and consistent consideration of applications by both applicants and officers (more detailed comment provided at the relevant part of the document below). This more detailed information should be in the supporting text of the policy or in the HCA report itself. While the policies are in general conformity with local and national planning policy their use as Development Management tools does not accord with NPPG paragraph 041 and NPPF paragraph 16 as their meaning is imprecise, unclear and difficult to apply.</li> </ul> | <p>The AECOM report is 4 years old now and it would be inappropriate to request changes at this stage.</p> <p>Amendments have been made to Policy 1 and 2 and the supporting text and Appendix 7 to refer to specific elements in the AECOM report. In particular the NDP now refers to the key character management principles and key characteristic and refers to the following subheadings from the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Movement and Connectivity</li> <li>Settlement and Built Form</li> <li>Heritage Assets</li> <li>Land Use and Land Cover</li> <li>Greenspace and Public Realm and</li> <li>Views.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Policies and Designations<br/>Policies: The range and complexity of the policies mean that the Council is still of the opinion that the HVNDP has been written in large part as a Local Plan. This has resulted in a significant degree of overlap with the Kirklees Local Plan and risks confusion for both applicants and</p>   | <p>The Holme Valley is a large and complex area and the NDP reflects this. Further changes have been made to policies - see detail below to reduce duplication and improve clarity.</p>   |

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| officers.  |   |
| <p>Justification text and evidence: Any new or amended policy needs to be evidenced and justified. For example, the new criteria in Draft Policy 12 (point 9) that supports community food growing and allotments should be justified in the text. In this instance the evidence could be as set out in the Council's Open Space Study 2016. The justification text needs to be directly relevant to the policy and it should be clear which text is justifying policy and which is justifying Parish Council actions.</p> | <p>Further changes have been made to reorder, edit and improve the supporting text.</p> <p>In most cases the supporting text provides information for both policies and actions and in practice it is difficult to separate these areas out as they are mutually supportive. Some changes have been made however.</p> |
| <p>Neighbourhood Plan Area: Throughout the document reference is made to policies applying within the 'Kirklees Council part of the Neighbourhood Plan area'. It is important to ensure that the wording is 'for that part of the Neighbourhood Area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority' to distinguish it from 'that part of the Neighbourhood Area where the Peak Park Planning Board is the local planning authority'. Similar errors occur elsewhere in the document.</p>                          | <p>Accepted and changes made.</p>   |
| <p>Other Relevant Policies: There is still a significant risk that the HVNDP policies as worded will undermine the level of protection and scrutiny of applications afforded by Local Plan policies, particularly green belt policy. The plan refers repeatedly to 'subject to consideration of other polices in the HVNP' but should also consider other relevant policies. Without this there is a significant risk of undermining local and national policy.</p>  | <p>Accepted and changes made.</p>   |
| <p>Policy Wording: With reference to comments contained within the documents 'Regulation 14 Consultation Tables 1A and 1B Kirklees Council' and 'Summary of Regulation 14 Consultation Responses', the Council met with the Steering Group on two occasions following the agenda supplied by the HVNPSG to discuss revisions to policies but did not finalise detailed policy wording.</p>   | <p>Accepted and changes made.</p>   |

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| <p>Local Green Space Designations: The Council welcomes the amendment to the proposed Local Green Space designation at Hade Edge and the removal of the housing allocation HS182 from the proposed Local Green Space at Sandy Gate Scholes. However, the Council does not support the designation of Wooldale Chapel Field or the remaining part of Sandy Gate Scholes as these sites do not meet the NPPF and NPPG criteria for Local Green Space designation.</p>   | <p>Not accepted.<br/>Refer to examiner to determine.</p>   |
| <p>Non-Planning Matters: The Council welcomes the removal of non-planning matters and other issues from the policies that cannot be considered through a Neighbourhood Plan, including weight limits for vehicles and traffic speeds. However, we note the addition of 'these should include proposals to support the principle of plastic free living' in policy 12 which is a non-planning matter.</p>  | <p>Accepted.<br/>Changes have been made to the Policy and wording added to the supporting text.</p>  |
| <p>Website: The Council would again like to commend the HVNPSG on the clarity and ease of use of their website.</p>   | <p>Noted.</p>  |
| <p>Draft Policies 1 and 2</p> <p>Comments still apply.</p> <p>This policy is still considered too imprecise for use as a development management tool. For example: the issues applicants need to address, including, 'historical development', 'movement', 'urban structure and built development', 'surrounding land use', 'green space' and public realm and public views' do not match headings contained in the HCA.</p> <p>As stated previously, the HCA cannot be used with any certainty to guide the consideration of planning applications. The council commented previously that the HVPC could take the opportunity to include summaries of those characteristics relevant to each area that an applicant should have regard to.</p> | <p>Amended wording in Policy 1:</p> <p>Development proposals should demonstrate how they have been informed by the different landscape and townscape elements which together contribute to the Key Characteristics 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"> <li>• Movement and Connectivity</li> <li>• Settlement and Built Form</li> <li>• Heritage Assets</li> <li>• Land Use and Land Cover</li> <li>• Greenspace and Public Realm and Views.</li> </ul> |

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|  | Additional extracts from AECOM Report have been added to the supporting text and Appendix 7 and key principles highlighted in bold text.   |
| The map cannot be used with any certainty to determine which LCA a site falls within.  | Map 2 can be provided separately on the website but cannot be amended further as it is from the AECOM report and is 4 years old.   |
| Sub heading must be changed to reflect the planning authority to which the policy applies.<br><br>Change<br>"Kirklees Council Part of Neighbourhood Area"<br>To:<br>"That part of the Neighbourhood Area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority" | Accepted.  |
| CA3 lists post and wire fencing as a positive feature, which is surprising;  | This is from the AECOM report.   |
| CA4 lists ribbon development as a key characteristic. It is unclear whether the intention is that applicants should respect this characteristic.   | The Report also refers to linear form and this reflects characteristic of buildings lining valley sides and bottom. Further information has been added to the supporting text.                   |
| Policy 1<br>Point 2: ALL agricultural buildings should comply with LP54.   | Changed "Modern" to "All"  |
| Point 5: What is the relationship between Policy 1 point 5 (landscaping schemes and planted boundary treatments) and Policy 2 point 8 (planting proposals)?  | Deleted 8 from Policy 2 and amended 5 in Policy 1 to include most of 2 Part 8.   |
| In addition, the new policy wording at point 5 introduces confusion between the requirement of the HVNDP and the requirement of Local Plan LP31.   | Wording deleted.   |
| Draft policy 2<br>General Comments<br>Comments still apply.<br>Comments still apply in relation to LP35.   | Reference to conservation areas now deleted.<br>Some amendments to Policy wording in relation to AECOM report, supporting text and Appendix 7 - Refer to Policy 1 above. Inclusive design added. |
| What is meant by the 'special character of the area'?  | Deleted "special" and replaced with "distinctive"  |
| A description of what is meant by urban grain should be in the justification text,   | Moved footnote 4 to supporting text and further wording added.   |

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| preferably with examples to add clarity.  |  |
| The reference to gated communities is somewhat lost under this heading. If these are to be refused then this needs to be justified in the main body of the text.  | Moved:<br>" Gated communities which restrict permeability are not characteristic of the Holme Valley area and will be resisted."<br>To its own heading / point.<br>Further supporting text added.  |
| There is insufficient robust evidence to support this policy: 'existing locally characteristics buildings' need to be identified.   | This is in the AECOM report. Policy has been amended to refer to this.   |
| New comment:<br>Wording appears to undermine protection from light pollution afforded by the Local Plan.  | This should be retained as it came up in our consultations. Supporting text amended to refer to LP52.  |
| New comment 2nd paragraph point 8:<br>Tree planting on hillsides is unlikely to require planning permission.  | Refer to P11 above - Moved to Policy 1 and only 'encouraging'.   |
| What are the views valued by residents?   | Changed to "public views"  |
| What is meant by 'effective consultation'?  | Changed "must include effective consultation with the local community."<br>To "Should be informed by public consultation"  |
| The list at Appendix 2 is still very difficult to read.   | Converted to Word doc.   |
| Policy 4<br>Many of the principles of this policy are still covered by the intentions of Local Plan LP25.   | But HVNDP is much more detailed.   |
| Without further guidance on its contents the Council is still concerned about the length and complexity of this policy.   | Retain and refer to examiner.  |
| Policy 5<br>Comments still apply, especially in relation to the type of development this policy applies to.<br><br>The first paragraph under 'Gateways and Highways' seems to apply to all proposals, including 'private' development, while the rest of the policy as worded seems to apply to public realm works.<br><br>New comment: would a new private dwelling be expected to provide | Inserted "major" before " residential or commercial development."<br><br>Moved whole of title Gateways and Highways and first paragraph to end of Policy. (second para a - i all refers to public realm so should follow on from above sections) |



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| 'welcome signage' or 'relevant information about visitor facilities' for example? This is not reasonable.  |   |
| <p>Policy 6<br/>Previous comments still apply.</p> <p>The policy should remove reference to ribbon development and ensure that housing is not routinely supported in settlements overwashed by the green belt.</p> | <p>Deleted from 2 " and development should not lead to ribbon development which impacts adversely on the distinctive character of individual existing settlements and villages."</p> <p>Added to para 2 " in areas not overwashed by Green Belt</p>   |
| As written, General Principles point 1 is an objective not a policy.   | <p>Changed 1 to:<br/>" 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</p>   |
| <p>Policy 6<br/>Comment still applies</p>  | <p><b>House Types and Sizes</b></p> <p>First paragraph changed to:</p> <p>All <b>major</b> housing development <b>schemes</b> should <b>demonstrate how they</b> address the identified local housing need <b>of the Rural West sub-area (reference to footnote Kirklees Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2016 - Rachel see <a href="https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/strategic-housing-market-assessment-2016.pdf">https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/strategic-housing-market-assessment-2016.pdf</a>)</b> locality through <b>in terms of</b> density, size, tenure and type of development. Schemes should provide suitable housing in response to the most up to date <del>local housing need assessment,</del> Strategic Housing Market Assessment <del>or other up to date needs assessment.</del></p> <p>In particular new housing schemes for <b>major development</b> will be supported, subject to aligning with other policies within the <del>plan</del> <b>HVNDP and Kirklees Local Plan</b>, where they:..."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delete <del>smaller</del></li> <li>2. Delete <del>"a suitable proportion of"</del></li> </ol> <p>Supporting text amended to include:<br/>The Kirklees Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2016 provides the latest available</p> |

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|  | <p>evidence to help to shape the future planning and housing policies of the area. The Holme Valley NDP area falls within the Rural West sub area.</p> <p>Section 7 of the report sets out the Need for All Types of Housing across Kirklees. Paragraph 7.6 advises that 'the analysis indicates that there are three key dwelling types particularly required across Kirklees: 3 bedroom houses, 4+ bedroom houses and 1-2 bedroom houses in addition to ongoing development of other property types and sizes'. In terms of older people, paragraph 7.57 sets out that "a major strategic challenge for the Council is to ensure a range of appropriate housing provision, adaptation and support for the area's older population. The number of people across Kirklees area aged 65 or over is projected to increase by 28,600 from 71,700 in 2014 to 100,300 by 2031 (39.9% increase).'<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 7.62 goes on to say that 'by 2030, there is a need for an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- additional 388 units of housing with care for rent</li> <li>- additional 628 units for sale or shared ownership</li> <li>- additional 291 units of provision for older people with dementia.'</li> </ul> |
| <p>Policy 7<br/>The policy appears silent on the consideration of applications on greenfield sites. This would apply to LP sites ES10 and ES12.</p>  | <p>Added to second paragraph:<br/>" In addition to site allocations identified in the Local Plan"</p>  |
| <p>Significant risk of undermining green belt protection from the proliferation of tourist and visitor facilities. As these are almost exclusively proposed in the green belt it must be made clear that green belt policy will apply.</p> | <p>Inserted as new 1: and renumber others:<br/>"In all cases where development is proposed in the Green Belt regard must be had to relevant local and national planning policy."</p>   |
| <p>It is still unclear what type of development would fall to be considered by either point 1 or point 2, and why the consideration of applications is different for new and existing sites</p>  | <p>Wording amended:<br/>(1. See above.)</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</p>   |

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|  | <p>B Contribute to improving the offer to tourists; and<br/>           C Are appropriately screened; and<br/>           D Provide adequate car parking spaces; and<br/>           E Are accessible to people with disabilities; and<br/>           F Contribute to the conservation of the landscape character and natural environment, and do not have a material adverse impact on the natural beauty of the area; and<br/>           G Do not generate additional traffic movements of a scale and type likely to have material adverse impact on neighbouring properties and other existing users of the area; and<br/>           F 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>Policy 8<br/>           Comments still apply in relation to repetition of local plan policy</p>   | <p>Refer to examiner.</p>   |
| <p>Comments in relation to points 2 and 4 still apply.</p>   | <p>Removed 'such as seating and pavements' in point 2.</p>  |
| <p>Previous comments on the night-time economy moved from draft policy 7 to 8 still apply and are set out below.</p> <p>'This section does not introduce anything new from the Local Plan as these 2 criteria are covered by LP16 'Food and Drink uses and the evening economy' and LP52 'Protection and improvement of environmental quality'</p> | <p>Deleted from policy.</p> <p>Referred to para 9.32 in Local Plan in supporting text.</p>  |
| <p>Draft Policy 9<br/>           Comment still applies</p>   | <p>Changed 3. To<br/>           "(within <del>the NDP area</del> <u>an equally accessible location</u>) "</p>   |
| <p>Comment still applies. It is not possible for a proposal to comply with both point 2 AND point 3 for example.</p>   | <p>Changed 2 and 3 to:<br/>           It can be demonstrated that its ongoing provision is not viable, or is no longer needed or justified, or <del>it can be demonstrated that</del> the provisions offered by the facility can be accommodated at an equal or higher standard elsewhere in the local area (within <del>the NDP area</del> <b>an equally accessible location;</b>)</p>   |

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|  | and/or  |
| <p>Policy 10<br/>Comments still apply in relation to Sandy Gate Scholes and Wooldale Chapel Field.</p> <p>The council note the amendment to exclude Local Plan housing allocation HS182 from the boundary of this proposed Local Green Space. However, the council do not support designation of the remaining part of the site on the basis that it does not meet the criteria for Local Green Space designation.</p> | Refer to Examiner.  |
| <p>Policy 11<br/>Regard must be had to green belt policies where relevant.</p> <p>Repetition of Local Plan policies.</p>   | <p>Added to Policy:<br/>" In all cases where development is proposed in the Green Belt regard must be had to relevant local and national planning policy"</p>   |
| <p>Policy 12<br/>Still unclear whether this policy is intended to apply to all development or only major development.</p>  | <p>First para applies to "all major"</p> <p>Most applies to "all development"</p> <p>2. Added "major"</p> <p>3. Sustainable, energy efficient designs should be used <b>"in all new buildings "</b></p>   |
| <p>Significant concern with regard to whether the policy is reasonable, and also viability.</p>  | Refer to examiner.  |
| <p>Regard must be had to green belt policy.</p>  | <p>Added:<br/>"In all cases where development is proposed in the Green Belt regard must be had to relevant local and national planning policy."</p>   |
| <p>Point 8 includes non-planning matters.</p>  | <p>Moved 8 to PC actions</p> <p>"The PC will encourage proposals to increase the level of recycling of waste. Retail developments must demonstrate how they will manage and reduce their waste in planning statements or other supporting documents. These should include proposals to support the principle of plastic free living."</p> |
| <p>New Policy 13<br/>Comments on new biodiversity policy set out in the main column</p>  |   |

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| <p>New Comment 1:<br/>It may be unreasonable to expect all development proposals to comply with the first paragraph.<br/>Change “non-statutory locally designated wildlife sites” to “designated Local Wildlife Sites”.</p>  | <p>Amended to:<br/><br/>All major development proposals should demonstrate how biodiversity will be protected and enhanced including the local wildlife, ecological networks, non-statutory locally designated Local Wildlife Sites and habitats.</p>  |
| <p>New comment 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The policy should be clear and precise in relation to what developments the policy is intended to apply to, e.g. it would be unreasonable to apply it to extensions and alterations to existing residential properties;</li> <li>• Should be strengthened so that it does not weaken anticipated national guidance that will mandate development having to achieving a measurable net biodiversity gain.</li> <li>• Adds little further detail to Local Plan policy LP30 (Biodiversity), for example it could set out how is net gain to be measured and how much gain is required (e.g. 10%) and repeats the mitigation hierarchy in LP30.</li> <li>• The words ‘non-statutory locally designated wildlife sites’ needs to be changed to the correct terminology ‘non-statutory locally designated Local Wildlife Sites’</li> <li>• It is not necessary to include or explain in the policy wording how a biodiversity net gain can be achieved – this would be more appropriate as justification text and paragraph 4.9.15 provides adequate wording. A biodiversity net gain can be achieved through a variety of measures, including retaining and improving existing biodiversity features on-site but also through the creation of new biodiversity opportunities, such as creating green corridors, planting trees or forming natural spaces, either within the development site or off-site elsewhere. In circumstances where mitigation is not possible developers may be required to pay a levy for habitat creation or improvement elsewhere. Not all these</li> </ul> | <p>Amended to:</p> <p><del>The priority for New major</del> development should be to create a <b>measurable</b> 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>Inserted to supporting text:</p> <p>"A biodiversity net gain can be achieved through a variety of measures, including retaining and improving existing biodiversity features on-site but also through the creation of new biodiversity opportunities, such as creating green corridors, planting trees or forming natural spaces, either within the development site or off-site elsewhere. In circumstances where mitigation is not possible developers may be required to pay a levy for habitat creation or improvement elsewhere.</p> <p>Such biodiversity net gain can be achieved through development by: 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> |

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| are covered in the three bullet points.  |   |
| Policy 14<br>Previous comments still apply with regard to other developer contributions. | Deleted<br><del>and other developer contributions</del> |

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| <p>Specifically the plan does not:</p> <p>(i) have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the secretary of state. Planning Practice Guidance states that “A policy in a neighbourhood plan should be clear and unambiguous. It should be drafted with sufficient clarity that a decision maker can apply it consistently and with confidence when determining planning applications. It should be concise, precise and supported by appropriate evidence. It should be distinct to reflect and respond to the unique characteristics and planning context of the specific neighbourhood area for which it has been prepared.” (Paragraph: 041 Reference ID: 41-041-20140306 Revision date: 06 03 2014)</p> <p>The NPPF states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plans should contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals (Paragraph 16d)</li> <li>• neighbourhood plans should not undermine strategic policies</li> </ul> <p>(ii) achieve general conformity with PDNPA strategic policies. This is because neighbourhood plan policies replicate, re-state or paraphrase PDNPA strategic policies. This does not in itself achieve conformity. It can have the effect of undermining strategic policy by creating confusion for the decision maker.</p> <p>Comments below relate to the draft HVNP and the Basic Conditions Statement.</p> | <p>See detailed changes below.</p>       |

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| <p>Policy 1: It looks as though the first part of this policy is intended to apply to the neighbourhood area within the PDNP. However this is qualified by restating PDNPA policy “Wessenden Moors (CA 1) and Holme Moorland Fringe (CA 2) are in the Natural Zone ... will not be permitted”. Protecting and enhancing landscape character is a strategic planning policy and replicating or restating strategic policies is not the purpose of a neighbourhood plan. To do so can have the effect of undermining strategic policy. No comments are offered on the part of the policy that applies only to the KMBC part of the neighbourhood area.</p> | <p>Moved this part of the policy to the supporting text before Policy 1:</p> <p><b>Policy 1 only applies to that part of the Neighbourhood Area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority. Wessenden Moors (CA 1) and Holme Moorland Fringe (CA 2) are in the Natural Zone of the Peak District National Park where Peak District National Park Authority Policies apply. Peak District National Park LDF Core Strategy DPD Policy L1: Landscape character and valued characteristics sets out in Part B, that 'other than in exceptional circumstances, proposals for development in the Natural Zone will not be permitted.' The Peak District National Park Development Management Policies. Part 2 of the Local Plan for the Peak District National Park Policy DCM2 Protecting and managing the Natural Zone explains where exceptional circumstances would apply.</b></p> <p>Inserted into the beginning of the Policy:</p> <p><b>Policy 1 only applies to that part of the Neighbourhood Area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority.</b></p> <p>Deleted:</p> <p><del><b>Kirklees Council Part of Neighbourhood Area</b></del></p> <p><b>Deleted references to PDNPA policies from grey box.</b></p> <p>Supporting text amended:<br/> <b>Most of the neighbourhood area that lies within the PDNP is designated ‘natural zone’ where development is not permitted <u>other than in exceptional circumstances.</u></b></p> |
| <p>Policy 2: Policy still does not satisfy NPPF and PPG, ie it is not clearly written and unambiguous. The policy is attempting to include protection of built character, conservation areas, promotion of high quality design and protection of heritage assets. These should be separate polices and focus only on those aspects that are not already included in strategic policy.</p>  | <p>Title amended to:<br/> <b>Protecting and Enhancing the Built Character and Conservation Areas of the Holme Valley and Promoting High Quality Design</b></p> <p>Policy amended:</p> <p><u>1) Local Character</u><br/> Proposals for new development and</p>   |



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| <p>Policy is not in conformity with L1 and DMC2 as stated (these relate to landscape character, not the built environment).</p>   | <p>alterations to existing buildings should respect <u>the key characteristics of</u> the Landscape Character Area in which they are located and seek to protect and enhance local built character <del>and distinctiveness and in particular the character of conservation areas</del>; and historic landscape character</p> <p>Suitable measures should be put in place to avoid any adverse impacts on heritage assets, <b>including any Conservation Areas</b>, and where infeasible, to minimise or mitigate damage.</p> <p><del>Deleted from Policy box PDNPA policies L1 and DCM2.</del></p> <p><u>Added</u><br/> <b><u>Core Strategy</u></b><br/> <b><u>GSP2: Enhancing the National Park</u></b><br/> <b><u>GSP3: Development management principles</u></b></p> <p>Development Management<br/> <b>DMC3 Siting, design, layout and landscaping</b></p> |
| <p>Policy 3: The intent of this policy is understood but the selective quoting of sections of strategic policy means that the neighbourhood policy just creates uncertainty for the decision maker and could therefore have the effect of undermining the strategic policies. Better to keep it simple eg. “Policy DMC5 of the Peak District National Park Authority Part 2 Local Plan (Development Management Policies) (and KMBC equivalent) applies to all applications for development affecting the heritage assets, or their setting, listed in ....”</p> | <p>Changed second and third paragraphs to:</p> <p>The emerging list 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 4: I note that the specific aspects of non-conformity with PDNPA strategic policy have been taken into account and this is welcomed. However the policy is not clearly written, is not concise and is not precise, all as required by NPPF and PPG as quoted above. Therefore, in my opinion, it would not meet basic conditions.</p>   | <p>Refer to examiner.</p>  |
| <p>Policy 5: “Adequate public recycling and</p>   | <p>Refer to KC comments - some changes</p>   |

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| waste bins should be provided” is not a planning policy matter. Policy does not meet PPG guidance regarding clarity and precision.   | undertaken to improve clarity.<br><br>Deleted: <del>Adequate public recycling and waste bins should be provided and</del>  |
| Policy 6 and Policy 7: Paraphrasing PDNPA policy within the neighbourhood plan policy as a ‘general principle’ has the effect of undermining the strategic policy. It would be better to explain the PDNPA’s strategic approach to housing and business within the supporting text and then clearly state that the policy only applies to that part of the neighbourhood area outside the National Park. | <p><b>Policy 6</b></p> <p>Deleted:<br/><del>In the Peak District National Park Authority part of the Neighbourhood Area, in line with Core Strategy Policy Development Strategy DS1, only new affordable (ie not open market) housing will be permitted in or on the edge of Holme village.</del></p> <p>Moved to supporting text.</p> <p>Inserted:<br/>Policy 6 only applies to that part of the Neighbourhood Area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority.</p> <p>Deleted:<br/><del>In the Kirklees Council part of the Holme Valley NDP area,</del></p> |
|  | <p><b>Policy 7</b></p> <p>Deleted:<br/><del>The area designated Natural Zone in the Peak District National Park authority part of the Neighbourhood Area is protected from development other than in exceptional circumstances.</del></p> <p>Moved to supporting text. Explain the PDNPA’s strategic approach to business.</p> <p>Inserted:<br/>Policy 7 only applies to that part of the Neighbourhood Area where Kirklees Council is the local planning authority.</p>   |
| Policy 9: This policy replicates strategic policy HC4 but would have the effect of undermining strategic policy because the strategic policy has a requirement for a new use to meet another community need and the neighbourhood plan does not have this requirement.   | <p><b>Added to</b></p> <p>1. It has been demonstrated that it is in accordance with relevant policies of the Kirklees Local Plan <u>and PDNP Core Strategy</u>;</p> <p>Added "or the new use meets another community need or offer alternative community benefit"</p>  |
| Policy 12: It is not necessary to restate  | Deleted:   |

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| <p>strategic policy as a neighbourhood policy.</p>  | <p><del>In the Peak District National Park Authority part of the Neighbourhood Area, renewable energy generation will be permitted only where valued character is not compromised and proposals for anaerobic digestion must be related to individual farms or those in close proximity. 'Moorland areas' within the NDP are in the natural zone where development is not permitted.</del></p> <p>And moved to supporting text</p> |
| <p>Basic Conditions Statement (extract in blue, my comment in black)</p> <p>2.2 The plan being proposed relates to planning matters (the use and development of land).<br/>The plan contains polices regarding the provision of recycling facilities which is not a planning matter.</p>  | <p>Refer to Kirklees comments - 8 is being moved to actions</p>  |
| <p>d) contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals;<br/>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. Amendments have been made at key stages to improve the clarity and reduce ambiguity, but it is understood that the Examiner may recommend further changes to wording following the examination process.</p> <p>With this statement you appear to accept that this requirement has not been met. (In my opinion it has not been met.) It is not the examiner's job to re-write policies.</p> | <p>Noted but it is likely the examiner will recommend further changes.</p>   |
| <p>f) serve a clear purpose, avoiding unnecessary duplication of policies that apply to a particular area (including policies in this Framework, where relevant).<br/>The NDP has been amended and updated to reduce duplication with policies in the Kirklees Local Plan</p>   | <p>See above.</p> <p>Amendments have been made to try to address this.</p>   |

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| <p>Peak District National Park Core Strategy and duplication with national policies. Again, it is understood that the Examination may lead to further changes to policies and supporting text.</p> <p>There are many instances of duplication with strategic policy – see above – so this statement is misleading</p>  |  |
| <p>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.</p> <p>This statement is misleading, as the neighbourhood plan has many examples (see above) of strategic policies that replicate and undermine the strategic policies of the PDNPA.</p>  | <p>See above.</p> <p>Amendments have been made to try to address this.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> <p>The neighbourhood plan replicates or paraphrases strategic policy. This does not in itself result in general conformity, because it can have the effect of undermining strategic policy by creating confusion for the decision maker. This basic condition has not been met.</p> | <p>See above.</p> <p>Amendments have been made to try to address this.</p> |

## Appendix 1 – Setting up the Steering Group

### Parish Council Website Article – March 2016

#### ***Invitation to join Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group***

Holme Valley Parish Council is seeking interested parties to join its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to assist with the process of consulting the Holme Valley community and in writing the Neighbourhood Plan. Interested parties must represent a local group, be prepared to communicate to and from that group and be able to commit to at least one evening per month for the next 18 months.

If you are interested, please email the Clerk ([clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)) with your name, contact details, the group you represent and why you think your group should be part of the steering group.

There will be opportunities during the process to express your views if you do not feel being part of the steering group is relevant to you.

Article in Holme Valley Review seeking Steering Group members – March 2016





## Appendix 2 - Issues and Options Publicity

Flyer circulated to shops, businesses, doctor's surgeries, schools, pre-schools, dentists etc.

### Care about the future of the Holme Valley? Then have your say on the Neighbourhood Development Plan!

The Holme Valley Parish Council is producing a neighbourhood plan which, together with the Kirklees Local Plan and the National Planning Policy documents, will control new building and land use for the next 15 years.


The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan cannot contradict the Local Plan; rather it adds detail, to ensure that new buildings reflect the area characteristics.

The Neighbourhood Plan must therefore define the characteristics of the area and, based on evidence, must reflect the views of local people on how they wish their area to develop in the future.

**The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (the Parish Council and representatives of community groups in the Valley) will be:**

- Gathering your views
- Proposing Policy Options
- Publishing a Draft Plan
- Asking you to vote on the Plan
- Presenting it to Kirklees for adoption

Provided the Neighbourhood Plan complies with national requirements and with the Kirklees Local Plan, it will be approved by the Government's



Planning Inspector. The Neighbourhood Plan will then become part of the Kirklees Local Plan and, together with National Planning Policies, must be taken into account for decisions on planning applications.

Drop-in sessions will be held in June 2017, for you to learn about the Neighbourhood Plan process and give your views on the priorities for the Valley.

**These will be held between 1pm and 9pm on:**

**June 7th**  
Hade Edge Band Room HD9 2DF

**June 9th**  
Holmfirth Civic Hall, HD9 3AS


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Hepworth Village Hall, HD9 1TE

**June 19th**  
St Mary's Parish Rooms, Honley, HD9 6AH

**June 23rd**  
Wooldale Community Centre, HD9 1XZ

Please come and give your views on the future of your Valley. Find out more at [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np)



## Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Initial Consultation Questionnaire

1. What do you like most about living in the Holme Valley?
2. What would you change about the Valley and how would you make the change?
3. What facilities do you think are missing in the Valley?
4. What sort of additional housing is needed in the Holme Valley?
5. Should additional housing be concentrated in large sites or spread around the Valley?
6. Should new building on brownfield sites take priority over greenfield sites?
7. How can we require developers to build more energy efficient and sustainable homes?
8. How can we ensure new housing and economic development are sensitive to the Valley's character?
9. Should the Neighbourhood Plan enable more people to work in the Holme Valley? If so, what sort of work opportunities are desirable?
10. What infrastructure changes are needed to support new building in the Valley?
11. How easy do you find it to move around the Holme Valley and further afield?
12. What specific features of the Holme Valley are important and should be protected?
13. Which parks and green spaces are important to you?
14. Is there anything else you would like to comment on?

Please complete on-line at [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np) or return to: Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS by **July 14th 2017**.

Postcode ..... Male/Female (please delete as appropriate)  
Age ..... Email/Tel No .....



Advert put in local free magazine distributed throughout HD9 area – May 2017. Flyer on page 7



Coverage in Holme Valley Review





Examples of Facebook posts on Holme Valley Parish Council website during consultation



Example of Facebook post shared with Holmfirth Community Group which has over 14,000 members



**Rachel Hogley** ▸ **Holmfirth Community Group**



May 24, 2017 · 🌐

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We want as many people as possible across the Valley to tell us about what matters most to them as it's really important we develop a plan which reflects residents' priorities.

Please spend a few minutes of your time giving us your views by answering our short questionnaire which is at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HVNHPInitialConsultation>

Further information and the questionnaire are available on-line through the Parish Council website: [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np).

We are also hosting drop-in sessions throughout the Valley during June so you can find out more. The sessions are all open from 1pm - 9pm and details of the venues are given below:

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**Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Initial Consultation**





## Example of community groups promoting the consultation

# HoTT JoTTings

Working Towards Sustainable Living in the Holme Valley



## Newsletter – June 2017

Welcome to our third newsletter of 2017.

Our HoTT AGM was held on 17<sup>th</sup> May with guest Speaker Dr Julia Meaton introducing 'A Peek into the Future' ... what could life be like in the Holme Valley in 10 to 15 years time.

Further information and HoTT Annual Report 2017 on our activities available from our website!

### HoTT Edible

You may remember from our last newsletter that HoTT has embarked on an exciting new project now called **HoTT Edible**.

Inspired by our visit to Incredible Edibles in Todmorden we have found some sites in the centre of Holmfirth where planters can be set up and herbs and vegetables planted.

The Holmfirth Library FOHLATICS Group has taken the first small step by planting in the bed alongside the building.

Another site will be next door to Longley's café. In the next week or two you will see this being cleared up and planters made of recycled plastic put in place.

We have two requests for you:

- if you have any young vegetable or herb plants surplus to requirements or
- if you would like to join in the planting exercise

please get in touch via [frances@hott.org.uk](mailto:frances@hott.org.uk).

Other sites are also under consideration.

We envisage HoTT Edibles as a potential umbrella group where small scale vegetable growers in and around Holmfirth and other parts of the Valley can come together if they wish.

A new page – HoTT Edibles – has been set up under Projects on our website – [www.hott.org.uk](http://www.hott.org.uk) – where you can keep abreast of progress.

The main purpose of this exciting development is to encourage us all to grow more of our own fresh food. It will also help to enhance the town's attraction for local residents and visitors.

### HoTT Film Nights

Our last film night on Thursday 8th June screened **Racing to Zero** on the theme of waste and recycling. An award-winning 2014 film about San Francisco's zero waste strategy for eliminating all rubbish going to landfill by 2020, it gave us all something to think about for the Holme Valley!

Following on from this film, HoTT are planning a visit to **Kirklees waste recycling and energy from waste facility** on the Leeds Road Huddersfield, on Wednesday morning, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017. If you would like to join this party and find out more what happens to our waste from the Holme Valley, let John Queening know or email us on [info@hott.org.uk](mailto:info@hott.org.uk). If you would like to go but can't manage that date, also let us know as we will be booking an additional visit.

There are two more films to come in this season. The topics are **Energy** on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, and **Transport** on 12<sup>th</sup> October – put these dates in your diary.

### Green Energy

Watch this BBC4 documentary, **The Great Green Village Crusade**, following Red Dwarf comic actor and green energy enthusiast Robert Llewellyn's two-year campaign to persuade residents of his idyllic Cotswolds village to generate more of their own power through renewable sources, as a model for helping to wean the nation off imported oil, coal and gas. [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08mzrb](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08mzrb)

### Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan

A reminder about the remaining Drop-In Consultation sessions, with opportunities to have your say on what you want for the Holme Valley. All sessions are open from 1.00 – 9.00.

- **June 13<sup>th</sup> St. David's Parish Hall**
- **June 15<sup>th</sup> Hepworth Village Hall**
- **June 19<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Parish Rms, Honley**
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup> Wooldale Community Centre**

Come along and make your views known and / or complete the questionnaire online at [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np)

*Janet Williams*

Press release sent to Huddersfield Examiner, Holme Valley Review and Yorkshire Post on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017



**HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**



**Media Release from Holme Valley Parish Council – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

*For immediate release*

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The Steering Group wants to hear what Valley residents think about where they live to make sure that the Plan represents their priorities and aspirations.

Cllr Rachel Hogley, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, said "We want as many people as possible across the Valley to tell us about what matters most to them as it's really important we develop a plan which reflects residents' priorities. Please spend a few minutes of your time giving us your views by answering our short questionnaire. Your input will help to shape how our beautiful Valley develops in the future. Once we have collected all your feedback, we will propose planning policy options which will reflect what you say you want to see."

The questionnaire is available on-line through the Parish Council website: [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np) where paper copies can also be downloaded. Limited paper copies are also available in Holmfirth or Honley Libraries and at the drop-in sessions being held through the valley next month.

The questionnaire will be available until 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and results will be published in early autumn.

The Steering Group is also running drop-in sessions throughout the Valley in June 2017 so you can find out more about how the Plan is being produced and give your views on your priorities and what the Plan should include. These will be held between 1pm and 9pm on:

June 7<sup>th</sup> at Hade Edge Band Room, HD9 2DF  
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Press release sent to Huddersfield Examiner & Holme Valley Review on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017



**HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**



## **Press Release**

### **Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan**

**Escalating house prices, traffic and the lack of suitable accommodation for down-sizing: just some of the feedback from Holme Valley residents about challenges to address in the Neighbourhood Development Plan!**

**Do you agree? It's not too late to make your views heard!**

Nearly 150 people came to express their views about future development in the Holme Valley at the six drop-in sessions hosted by the Holme Valley Parish Council. They spoke to members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group about their priorities and aspirations for their area and found out more about the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Rachel Hogley, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, said "It was fascinating hearing people's different views of how they want the Valley to develop in the future. The Neighbourhood Plan is a great opportunity to shape development in our beautiful valley and give our residents a voice. I urge all residents to complete our short questionnaire so we can propose planning policy options which reflect what local people want to see."

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# Appendix 3 - Copies of Display Material, Issues and Options Consultation, June 2017

## Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan



Information and display materials for the Public Drop-in sessions, June 2017

These slides have been prepared to form the basis of the displays of the Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in sessions held across the valley during June:

- These will be held between 1pm and 5pm on:
- June 7<sup>th</sup> at Wake Edge Golf Rooms, HD9 2JF
  - June 9<sup>th</sup> at Wakefield Civic Hall, HD9 3AS
  - June 13<sup>th</sup> at St David's Parish Hall, Waterkings, HD9 2MS
  - June 13<sup>th</sup> at Heywood's Village Hall, HD9 2JH
  - June 15<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Parish Rooms, Hemley, HD9 6AH
  - June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Woodkirk Community Centre, HD9 1JZ

The slides include the 14 questions we are asking in a questionnaire which is available from our website: <http://www.holmevalleyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk>. The questionnaire itself is linked from the website so no extra clicks, look at: <http://www.holmevalleyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/consultation>.

The displays include more pictures and maps so where there are no images after questions in the presentation, these are just provided to hand-out at the drop-in sessions. However, all the key information is contained within this document so it can be read in isolation by those unable to attend the drop-in sessions.

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans are a right for communities to shape development in their areas and they were introduced by the Localism Act in 2011.

The Neighbourhood Plan will become a planning document which will control new building and land use in the valley for the next 25 years.

### How does it relate to the Kirkstall Local Plan?

The Neighbourhood Plan is different from the local Plan and produced by the Holme Valley Parish Council, not Kirkstall. Its policies cannot block development that is already part of the Kirkstall Local Plan but they can shape where that development will go and what it will look like.

### Who is leading the process?

The Holme Valley Parish Council is the 'leading body' responsible for creating the neighbourhood Plan. It has set up a steering group comprising of both Parish Councilors and representatives of local community groups.

### Can the Neighbourhood Plan challenge the Kirkstall Local Plan?

The Kirkstall Local Plan has been compiled on the basis of evidence of the needs of the area. The Neighbourhood Plan sits beneath the Local Plan in form of the planning hierarchy so needs to fit with the strategic aims of the Kirkstall Local Plan, however, its policies are an important way for local people to shape the nature of development across the Holme Valley.

If the Neighbourhood Plan wished to make policies regarding the density of housing or housing type in our area which were different to that proposed in the Local Plan, we would have to provide verifiable evidence to support that position. Whilst we have to provide the overall housing level identified for the Valley, if we identify different sites to those in the Local Plan and can justify any need with evidence of need and viability, then the housing allocations could change. However, it is important to recognise that intensifying a site to alleviate pressure elsewhere could have a knock-on effect on traffic and local facilities around that site. If that could not be shown through evidence to be better than the Local Plan's proposal, then the proposal may be rejected. Information from the Neighbourhood Plan consultation will help provide evidence of what local people think our proposed policies reflect local views as well as Kirkstall's analysis.

### What is the current status of the Kirkstall Local Plan?

The Kirkstall Local Plan covers the whole local authority area and sets out how Kirkstall will make land available for development. The involves working out how every new house and job are needed in the future and allocating sufficient land to meet these needs.

The Local Plan has developed over several years with the main consultation undertaken in 2016. It has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for examination by an independent inspector. The Planning Inspector will conduct the public examination of the plan this Autumn and hear from local bodies who have already sent comments to Kirkstall.

The Planning Inspector may make changes but then the Local Plan will be approved. It will then govern the decisions made on subsequent planning applications.

### What is the Neighbourhood Plan process and how long will it take?



### What area does the Neighbourhood Plan cover?

The boundaries are the same as the Parish Council's and the area has a population of 27,140 (2011 census) and covers a geographical area of 1,888ha.

For a Neighbourhood Plan, this is a large area making its development more complicated and time-consuming as it must reflect the whole of the valley.



### How is the neighbourhood planning process funded and what planning support does The Manning Group receive?

The neighbourhood steering group has been able to secure funding from 'Locality' which is supported by the Department for Communities and Local Government. Through this, we have been able to appoint a planning consultant, Kirkstall to assist in the preparation of the plan by giving us specialist planning advice.

We have also been able to access 'in-kind support' for the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. An independent company, ACCION Infrastructure and Environment UK Limited, prepared a Heritage and Character Assessment of the Holme Valley which we can then use as evidence to support the planning and design process.

All planning advice within the Neighbourhood Plan will have to be supported by evidence. Using a combination of information from Kirkstall and local public bodies, recent community reports and surveys, specialist reports and extensive public consultation, we can make sure the Plan reflects our local priorities.



**Why is it a good idea for us as a town to have a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Developing a Neighbourhood Plan is a way for people in the Holme Valley to influence development in the area. Without it, more general principles established by Kirklees apply to us, so we do not have the opportunity to highlight local places or shared ideas which really matter to our community.

In addition, when an area has a Neighbourhood Plan, more money from local development is filtered down to be spent on local priorities. This is part of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The CIL is a system to charge developers to help pay for extra infrastructure across the district. CIL is charged on new development on a per square metre basis. It is not charged on social housing, self-build homes and buildings used for charitable purposes. The money can be spent on infrastructure which benefits our communities, including new schools, roads, transport services, sports facilities, playgrounds and green spaces. Once a Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, the Parish Council will receive 25% of money raised in the area, rather than the more limited 5% available if we did not have a plan in place. Through the Neighbourhood Plan, we can identify a 'wish list' of what we would like to spend it on.

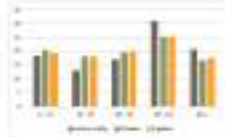
**Some facts and figures about the Holme Valley**

**Some key statistics about the state of Kirklees**

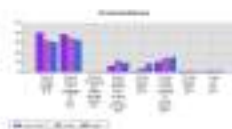


**How does the Holme Valley population compare with the rest of Kirklees? Information given from 2012 census & latest Kirklees data.**

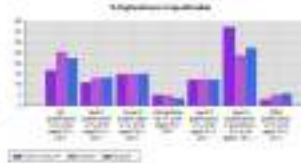
We have an older population and our sharpest age group is the 25-29 year olds.



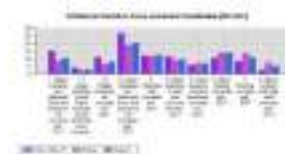
We have more owner-occupiers and fewer people renting.



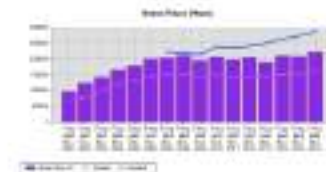
We have a high number of well qualified people (Level 2 equivalent to GCSEs, Level 3 equivalent to A Levels, and Level 4 is a university degree).



We have a greater proportion of occupations in the higher socio-economic groups.



The average house price in 2018 was £222,465 (comparing to £143,889) across Kirklees.



The average gross household income was £47,395 in 2019.

| Gross Household Income                 | Holme Valley CP | Kirklees | England |
|--|-----------------|----------|---------|
| Average Annual Household Income (2019) | £47,395         | £30,077  | £37,470 |

**What additional housing is proposed in the Kirklees Local Plan?**

The Local Plan estimates that 21,324 new homes will be needed across the local authority area by 2031. Kirklees has identified 29 different sites in the Holme Valley totalling a potential extra 1,211 dwellings.

| Location  | Area         | Number of Homes Proposed | Percentage of Total (2031) |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Holme Valley Park, Green Lane, Holme Valley  | 100          | 8.2                      | 0.38%                      |
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| 29. Holme Valley Park, Green Lane, Holme Valley | 100          | 8.2                      | 0.38%                      |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>2,911</b> | <b>13.3%</b>             | <b>5.7%</b>                |

What do you like most about living in the Holme Valley?



What would you change about the Valley and how would you make the change?

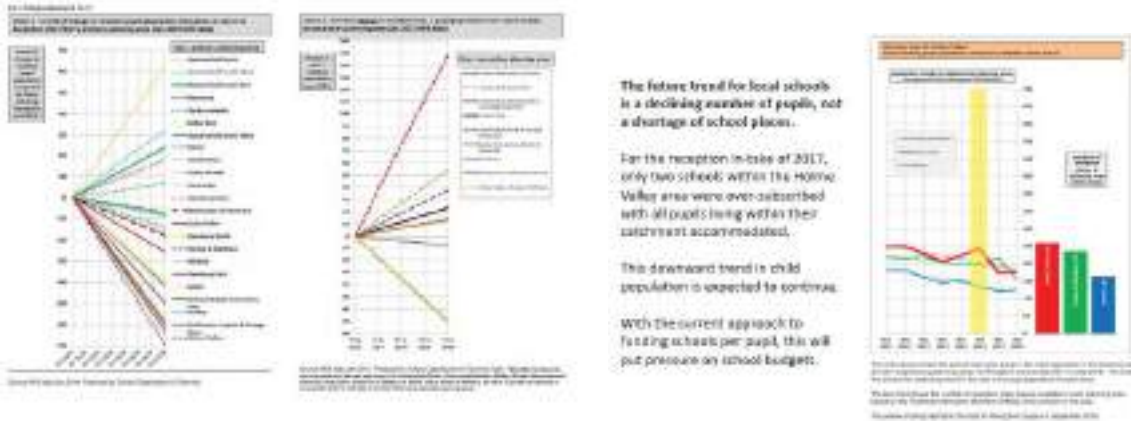


What facilities do you think are missing in the Valley?



what's the situation with school places in the valley?

- The Holme Valley has 13 Primary Schools:  
Holmfirth J&L, Upperthong J&L, Hincallife Mill J&L, Netherthong Primary, Kirkstoft Infants, Woodkiss Infants, Holme J&L, Scholes J&L, Hudds Edge J&L, Brookholes J&L, Hesworth J&L, Hanley Infants, Hanley Juniors
- We have 2 Secondary Schools:  
Holmfirth High School  
Hanley High School
- This is approximately 2500 primary & 2000 secondary pupils (NB: Hanley high covers schools in Medtham area as well)
- Kirkstoft report "Securing Sufficient High Quality Learning and Childrens Places" 2015-2018 stated that:
- The semi-rural areas in south Kirkstoft show a trend of some decline in school age population with some unfiller places in primary and secondary provision. Children travelling out of the urban areas to attend these schools tend to hide the true level of unfiller places.



What sort of additional housing is needed in the Holme Valley?

Should additional housing be concentrated in large sites or spread around the Valley?

Should new building on brownfield sites take priority over greenfield sites?

How can we require developers to build more energy efficient and sustainable homes?

How can we ensure new housing and economic development are sensitive to the Valley's character?

Should the Neighbourhood Plan enable more people to work in the Holme Valley? If so, what sort of work opportunities are desirable?





What infrastructure changes are needed to support new building in the Valley?



How easy do you find it to move around the Holme Valley and further afield?



What specific features of the Holme Valley are important and should be protected?

The AECOM Heritage & Character Assessment identifies 8 distinct landscape character areas:

- 1. The Valley**
- 2. The Moor**
- 3. The Moor**
- 4. The Moor**
- 5. The Moor**
- 6. The Moor**
- 7. The Moor**
- 8. The Moor**



**What key features of heritage value are mentioned in the report?**

- Large area of open moorland contrasting with the densely settled valley floor
- Strong visual links with the Peak District National Park
- Building responds to the valley topography
- Survival of large numbers of vernacular buildings constructed from millstone grit with slate tile roofs. 13 conservation Areas, 369 Listed buildings, 3 scheduled monuments
- Millstone grit walling forms a consistent boundary treatment
- Footpath links to the wider countryside
- Active and busy village and town centres
- Panoramic and glimpsed views
- Links to textile industry heritage (former mills)
- Rivers providing wildlife resources and green corridors.

**The AECOM Heritage & Character Assessment identifies what could be managed in the future:**

**What other work is suggested in the report to help provide a basis for monitoring and managing future change?**

- Detailed architectural study of buildings within the area to better understand their value and contribution to the history of the area
- Detailed mapping and review exercise of Public Rights of Way
- Review of shop frontages and strategy for local retail across the area, including parking
- A green space assessment to determine where and what types of green space are required
- Design codes for future development and management
- Detailed mapping of all trees within the study area, including the update to all Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

**Which parks and green spaces are important to you?**

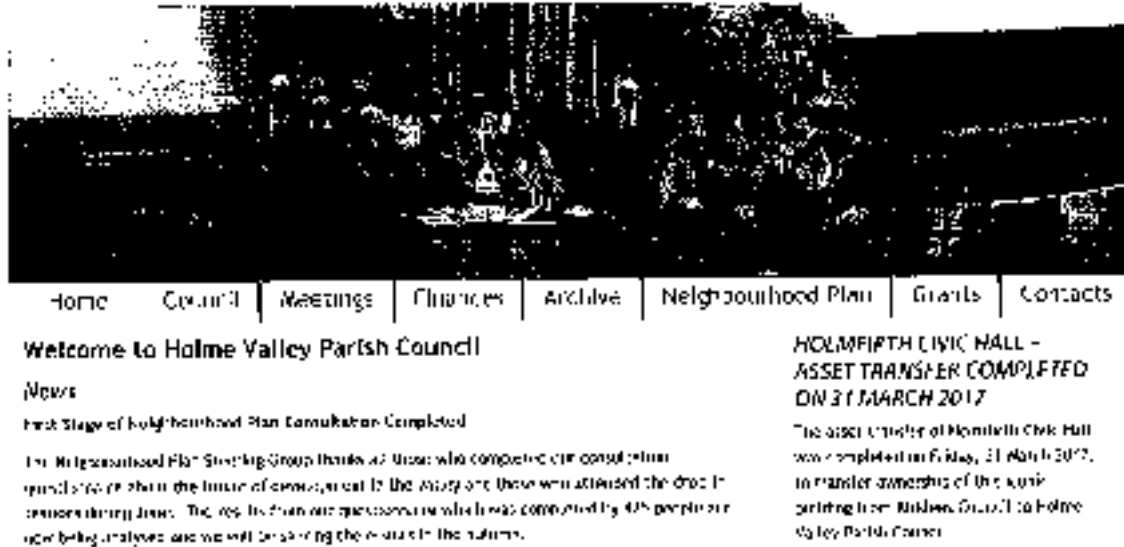


**Is there anything else you would like to comment on?**



## Appendix 4 – Keeping local people updated

### Example of Parish Council website update in August 2017



Facebook posts on Parish Council page – Summer 2017

The screenshot shows the Facebook page for Holme Valley Parish Council. The page header includes the name 'Holme Valley Parish Council', a search bar, and navigation options like 'Rachel', 'Home', 'Find Friends', and 'Create'. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Page', 'Inbox', 'Manage Jobs', 'Notifications', 'Insights', 'Publishing Tools', and 'More'. The main content area features two posts:

- Post 1 (September 14, 2017):** Published by Rachel Hogley. The text reads: "The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is pleased to be able to publish the results of our consultation over the summer. We have read and analysed all the answers given to the questionnaires and are very grateful to all those who gave us their views. We have collated the results which clearly show that residents really value the beautiful environment and strong community in our area. The results are now available on our website and they include both graphs of the data and a selection of quotes from the answers. We will now use these results to guide our work with our planning consultant to develop a draft Neighbourhood Plan which truly reflects our community's views. To see the summary results document, look at the Neighbourhood Plan page on our website at: <https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/hp/>".
- Post 2 (July 20, 2017):** Published by Rachel Hogley. The text reads: "Thank you to all the 473 people who completed our Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire about the future of development in the valley. Your views are really appreciated! We will be reading through them and analysing the results over the summer and then release the main themes in the autumn."

The right-hand sidebar contains 'Suggested Groups' with entries like 'Shepley Community', 'Colcar, Milsbridge', 'Denby Dale and surr', 'Dewsbury Oracle Me', and 'Southwaite Neighbourhood'. Below this is a 'No Retiro Yet' section and a 'Our Story' section with a '+ Tell people about your business' link. At the bottom of the sidebar is a 'Page Tips' section.



Press release issued in September 2017 to Huddersfield Examiner, Holme Valley Review and Yorkshire Post



**HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**



### **Press Release**

#### **Countryside & Community make the Holme Valley home for its residents**

Holme Valley Parish Council is co-ordinating the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Valley and its steering group consisting of both councillors and community groups has just released the results of its initial consultation this summer. Questionnaires seeking residents' views on the future of their local area were answered by 475 residents of all ages. Questions included 'What do you like most about living in the Holme Valley?', 'What facilities are missing?' and 'How can we ensure new housing and economic development are sensitive to the Valley's character?'

All the answers given have been read and categorised according to key themes so we have been able to identify the overall views of the community. We are very grateful to all those who gave their views on the future of the Valley and it was clear that residents truly value the beautiful environment and strong community in our area. We are now pleased to be able to publish the results which include both graphs of the data and a selection of quotes from the answers. The summary results document is available on the Parish Council website: [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/np) and hard copies are available to view in each of Holmfirth and Honley libraries.

Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Cllr Rachel Hogley, said "We were delighted with the quality of responses with clear themes emerging from the data. It was heartening how united the Valley was in valuing both the natural environment but also our heritage and sense of community. Understandable concerns were raised about traffic and excessive development, whilst many sought improvements to the range of shops and services in the Valley and wanted to boost the number of work opportunities within small businesses. The overwhelming message was very positive and I look forward to developing a Neighbourhood Plan that can support and encourage what people value and mitigate the pressures in our beautiful area."

We are now working with our professional planning consultant to use both the results from the questionnaires and comments on our Issues and Options document to create a first draft of our Neighbourhood Plan. This will propose planning policies to help us address the issues raised by the community through the consultation process so it represents the priorities and aspirations of residents across the Holme Valley.

We will be working on the draft Neighbourhood Plan until the end of this year when we will then publish a draft plan for further comments by the community.

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Example of Ongoing Updates in Holme Valley Review



## Appendix 5 – Keeping local people updated through community networks

### List of Local Groups Spoken to during 2017 – 2019 by Members of the NDP Steering Group

- Phoenix Women's Group
- Holmfirth Conservation Group
- Holmfirth Women's Institute
- Holmfirth Rotary Group
- Local informal walking groups
- Hepworth Book Group
- Holme Valley Civic Society
- Holmfirth History Group
- Holmfirth Library Knit and Natter group
- Brockholes Village Trust
- Friends of Cliff Recreation Ground
- Honley Business Association
- Holmfirth Transition Town
- Honley Civic Society
- Friends of Honley
- Scholes Future Group
- Hade Edge Residents

### Example of list of updates given by member of Steering Group to Honley Civic Society on Neighbourhood Plan from 2016-2019

| Date     | Occasion  | Topic  | No. of attendees |
|----------|---|--|------------------|
| 21/07/16 | Civic Society committee meeting                                   | Reported on attendance at HVPC Neighbourhood Plan Steering committee meeting   | 8                |
| 08/09/16 | Civic Society Speaker meeting                                     | Explained purpose of Neighbourhood Plan to meeting   | 30               |
| 13/10/16 | Civic Society committee meeting                                   | UPDATE to committee  | 8                |
| 12/01/17 | Civic Society committee meeting                                   | REPORT and DISCUSSION on AECOM Heritage and Character Assessment   | 8                |
| 12/01/17 | Civic Society Speaker meeting                                     | UPDATE on HVPC Neighbourhood Plan progress   | 42               |
| 09/02/17 | Civic Society committee meeting                                   | REPORT re. Change of Chairman of Steering committee<br>Copies of AECOM document provided for comment   | 8                |
| 09/03/17 | Civic Society committee meeting                                   | Feedback on AECOM report taken. UPDATE on progress inc. proposed school involvement  | 8                |
| 12/05/17 | Civic Society AGM   | UPDATE on draft Local Plan UPDATE on June drop-in sessions plus "why they should visit"  | 23               |
| 14/09/17 | Civic Society Speaker meeting                                     | UPDATE on HVPC Neighbourhood Plan progress plus reported that HVPC website would contain results of earlier questionnaire  | 39               |
| 08/02/18 | Civic Society committee meeting                                   | UPDATE on Local Plan UPDATE on Neighbourhood Plan  | 8                |
| 08/02/18 | Civic Society Speaker meeting                                     | UPDATE on Local Plan UPDATE on Neighbourhood Plan  | 29               |
| 12/04/18 | Civic Society committee meeting                                   | UPDATE on Local Plan UPDATE on Neighbourhood Plan  | 8                |
| 10/05/18 | Civic Society AGM   | UPDATE on Local Plan UPDATE on Neighbourhood Plan – advance notice given of draft document plus summary booklet in order for consultation in June  | 24               |
| 14/04/19 | Civic Society Speaker meeting                                     | RE-ITERATED adoption of Kirklees Local Plan<br>UPDATE on progress of Neighbourhood Plan inc. explanation of SEA  | 49               |
| 09/05/19 | Civic Society AGM   | RE-ITERATED adoption of Kirklees Local Plan<br>REVIEWED progress of HVPC Neighbourhood Plan progress and expected timescale  | 23               |
| 08/07/19 | Civic Society membership list                                     | EMAIL Update on HVPC Neighbourhood Plan plus notice of impending consultation  | 58               |
| 17/07/19 | All Civic Society members plus chair of HBA and Friends of Honley | EMAIL reminder re. Consultation dates  | 60               |
| 24/08/19 | All Civic Society members plus chair of HBA and Friends of Honley | EMAIL reminder re. Consultation dates  | 60               |
| 11/09/19 | Honley Business Association                                       | PRESENTATION describing legal background to HVPC Neighbourhood Plan, its relation to Kirklees Local Plan, the process, the content of the current draft and how that was arrived at. REQUESTED that they visit the HVPC website and complete the questionnaire for the current consultation. NOTED the deadline for comments | 53               |
| 12/09/19 | Civic Society Speaker meeting                                     | REMINDER that consultation ends 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 45               |

## Holme Valley Vision Email network updates on Neighbourhood Plan from 2016-2019

| Subject  | List                | Send Date             | Send Weekday | Total Recipients |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Holme Valley Parish Council Events   | Combined Feb15      | Jan 08, 2016 06:51 pm | Friday       | 784              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan  | Combined Feb15      | Jan 14, 2016 04:35 pm | Thursday     | 778              |
| Holme Valley Parish Council Events   | Combined Feb15      | Jan 15, 2016 12:01 pm | Friday       | 775              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan  | Combined Feb15      | Jun 26, 2017 03:32 pm | Monday       | 690              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan  | Combined Feb15      | Jun 26, 2017 04:35 pm | Monday       | 690              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan - survey closing date 18 July                            | Combined Feb15      | Jul 09, 2017 09:50 am | Sunday       | 691              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan - survey closing date 14 July                            | Combined Feb15      | Jul 10, 2017 07:43 pm | Monday       | 690              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan - Summary of Survey Results                              | Combined Feb15      | Sep 18, 2017 09:59 am | Monday       | 676              |
| Holme Valley Parish Council - Draft Neighbourhood Plan                                   | Combined Feb15      | Jun 17, 2018 11:02 am | Sunday       | 641              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Consultation ends 27 July                                | Combined Feb15      | Jul 14, 2018 10:15 am | Saturday     | 635              |
| Last chance to have your say - Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan Consultation ends 27 July | Combined Feb15      | Jul 23, 2018 01:34 pm | Monday       | 633              |
| Holme Valley Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan Consultation July 2019                  | Combined Feb15      | Jul 14, 2019 09:58 am | Sunday       | 642              |
| Holme Valley Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan Consultation July 2019                  | Businesses May 2015 | Jul 19, 2019 03:49 pm | Friday       | 475              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan  | Businesses May 2015 | Aug 22, 2019 12:22 pm | Thursday     | 464              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan  | Holme Valley Vision | Aug 22, 2019 12:23 pm | Thursday     | 48               |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan  | KHS mailing list    | Aug 22, 2019 12:23 pm | Thursday     | 146              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan  | Combined Feb15      | Aug 22, 2019 12:24 pm | Thursday     | 627              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - consultation closes on 15 September        | Businesses May 2015 | Aug 29, 2019 01:01 pm | Thursday     | 460              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - consultation closes on 15 September        | Holme Valley Vision | Aug 29, 2019 01:03 pm | Thursday     | 48               |
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| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - consultation closes on 15 September        | KHS mailing list    | Aug 29, 2019 01:05 pm | Thursday     | 146              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - consultation closes on 15 September        | Combined Feb15      | Aug 29, 2019 01:07 pm | Thursday     | 627              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - 10 days left in which to comment           | Businesses May 2015 | Sep 04, 2019 12:55 pm | Wednesday    | 459              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - 10 days left in which to comment           | Holme Valley Vision | Sep 04, 2019 12:55 pm | Wednesday    | 48               |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - 10 days left in which to comment           | KHS mailing list    | Sep 04, 2019 12:56 pm | Wednesday    | 146              |
| Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan - 10 days left in which to comment           | Combined Feb15      | Sep 04, 2019 12:56 pm | Wednesday    | 626              |
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## Appendix 6 - First Draft Plan Publicity, June 2018

### Example of Facebook posts on Parish Council page

The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the Holme Valley Parish Council page. The post is dated June 10, 2018, and was published by Rachel Hogley. The post text reads:

Have your say on the proposed Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)!  
 Look out for the 'Your Valley, Your Voice!' summary booklets landing on your doormat this week!  
 We are delighted to publish our first draft NDP which will give the people living and working in the Holme Valley a stronger voice in shaping its future. It will affect future planning decisions as well as bring more money into the valley to spend on local priorities.  
 Copies of our summary booklet will be delivered to all households and businesses across the Holme Valley over the next week. They will outline a vision and nine objectives for the future in the Valley as well as propose 16 planning policies to help deliver development which meets local needs and aspirations.  
 We are asking local people to give us their views on what we have proposed as well as the local priorities they would like associated funding to be spent on. Our consultation period lasts until 27th July so we look forward to hearing your views! To access the booklet and Plan in full, please look at <https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/ndp/> and then complete the questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/s/HolmeValleyNDP>

The screenshot also shows the Facebook interface, including the page name 'Holme Valley Parish Council', navigation tabs like 'Home', 'Find Friends', and 'Create', and a sidebar with 'Suggested Groups' and 'Page Tips'.

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**Holme Valley Parish Council**  
Published by Rachel Hogley on July 20, 2018

There's just one week left to submit your views to our 'Your Valley, Your Voice' questionnaire as the closing date is next Friday, 27th July. Don't miss your chance to have your say on policies which will affect planning decisions in the future in the valley, and will influence our priorities for spending any development monies locally. You can also nominate Local Green Spaces which are important to you and your community so we can find ways to offer them protection in the f... [See More](#)

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Examples of publicity about 2018 consultation in Holme Valley Review



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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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## Celebrating our local businesses

**HELMET** Valley Parish Council was proud to give two local businesses a Gold Award in the annual Top Trade competition. **Sam's Cafe Restaurant in Holmfirth** and **The Forge pub in Huddersfield** were presented with their certificates and trophies by Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr D Hall.

The Top Trade Award exists to recognise businesses that take pride in their customer experience and thereby contribute to a more attractive and thriving Valley.

Local businesses are nominated by Parish Councillors and winners voted by the community.

At the 2016 Publications in Commemoration ceremony, there were two special occasions selected, one of which was a special last year but judged by the Chairman to have raised its standards even higher in 2016.

Businesses across the Valley are celebrated and the Parish Council was very pleased to award two Gold Awards and three Silver Awards this year. In addition to the two Gold Awards, Silver Awards were awarded to **The Ryck Inn, Huddersfield**, **Blue Fish Restaurant, Huddersfield**, and **Catch Seafood Restaurant, Huddersfield**.

## Remembrance Services

At 11.00, Parish Council, along with the Holme Valley and Huddersfield branches of the Valley and Huddersfield Branch of the British Legion, on behalf of the Parish Council, will be in attendance at the service.

In the week to the anniversary of the end of WW1, the Parish Council is holding a series of local remembrance events, including a parade to commemorate the fallen and a service.

We have been pleased to support the British Legion event hosted by Friends of Cliff Hill, a photo project by Gunning Church, Huddersfield, in Huddersfield, which is being organised by Brian Young and a project to produce a map across the Holme Valley, Tinsley Green.

In addition, the Parish Council is holding its own local remembrance lighting of the national remembrance lamp, and a ceremony to mark the anniversary of the end of WW1.

The event is part of the Parish Council's commitment to commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. The 100th anniversary will be a year of remembrance, including the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.



**The Gold Award winners, Sam's Cafe Restaurant and The Forge pub.**



**The Silver Award winners, The Rock Inn, Brockholes, Blue Fish and Catch Seafood Restaurant.**

## Neighbourhood Plan Update

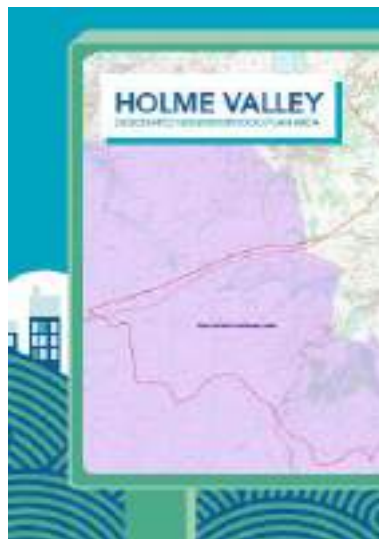
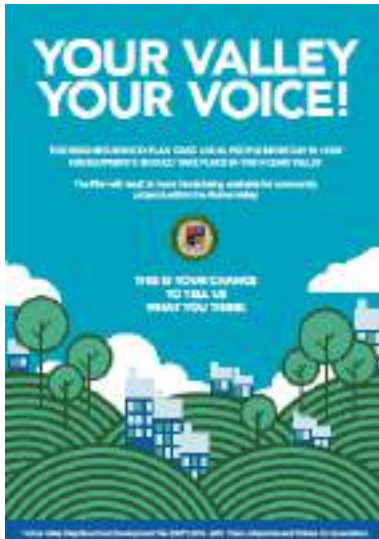
The Steering Group has reviewed all the consultation responses from the public and is currently updating the Draft Plan ready for formal consultation with the statutory bodies.

We have recently been advised by Kirkstall that we have to prepare a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the issue of the updated Draft Plan will be delayed until the end of the year to accommodate the additional advice from the SEA process.

More updates will follow but we are still working hard to proceed to referendum during 2016.



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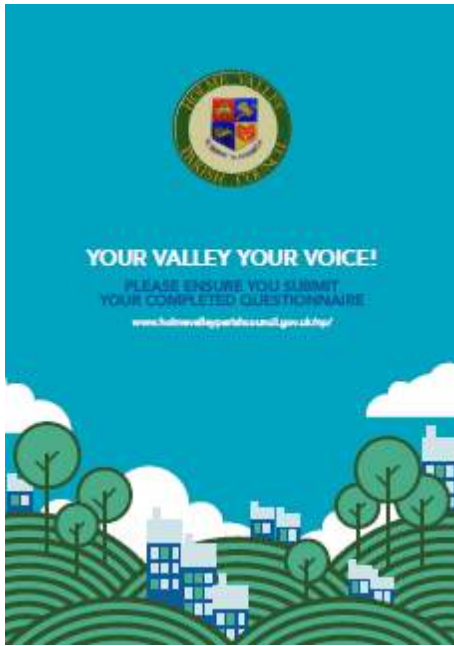
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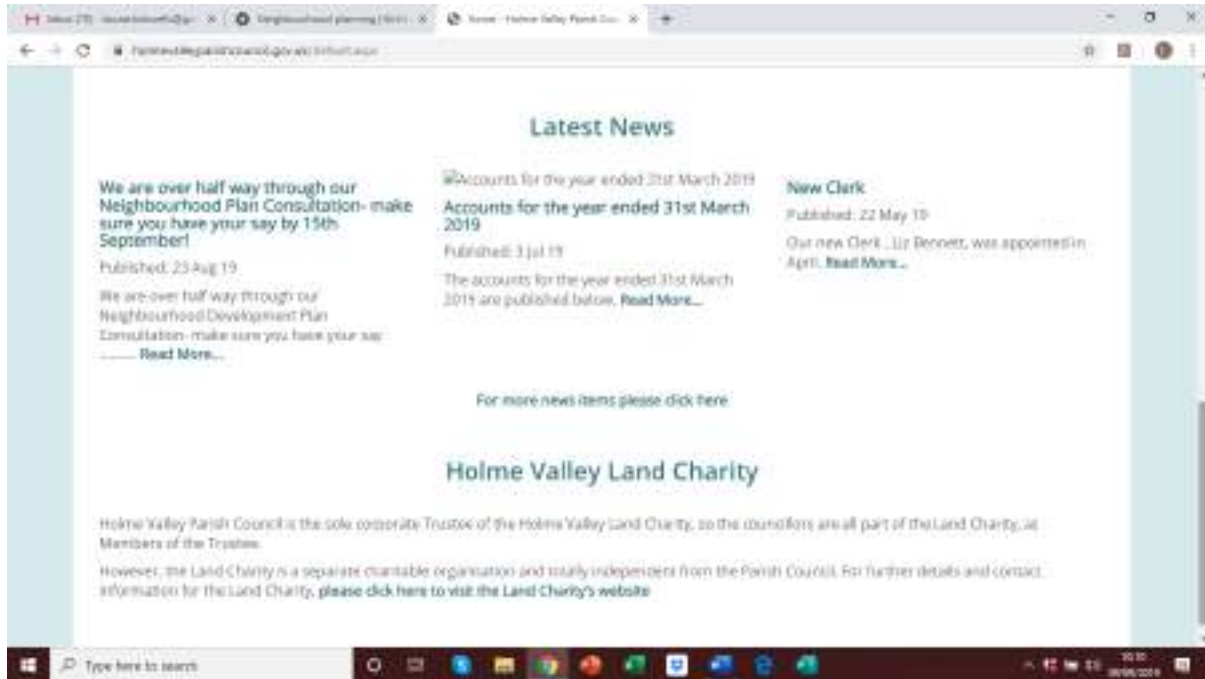


## Appendix 8 - Regulation 14 Consultation - Screenshots

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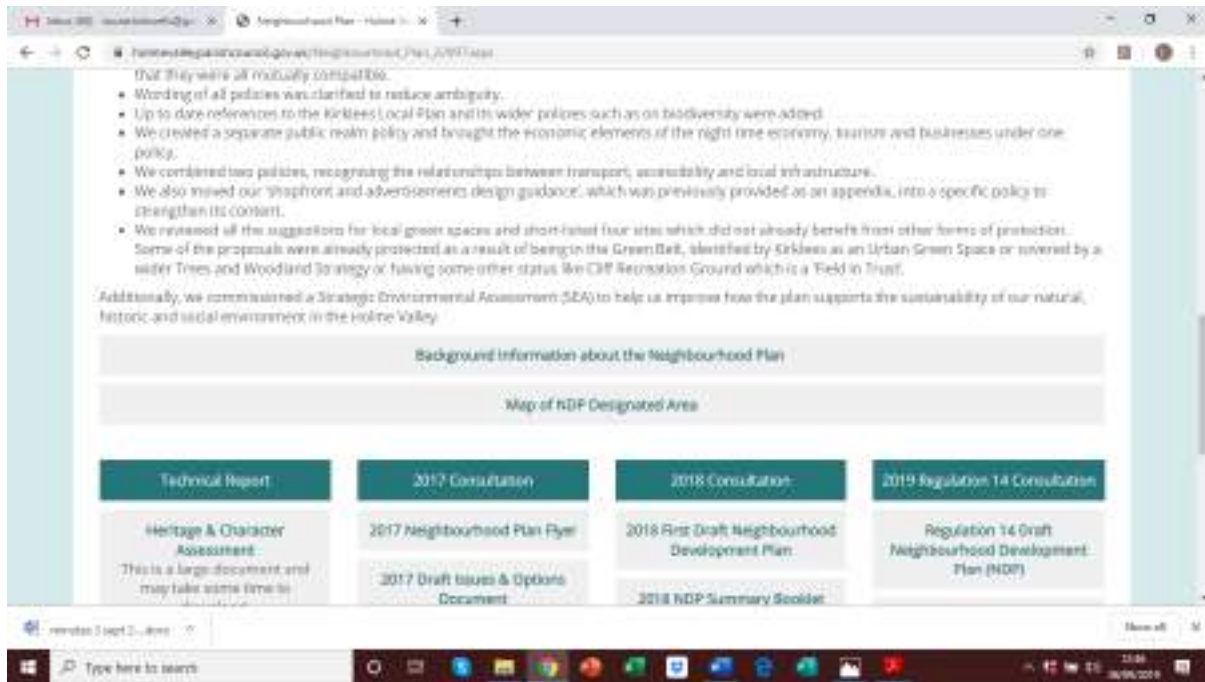
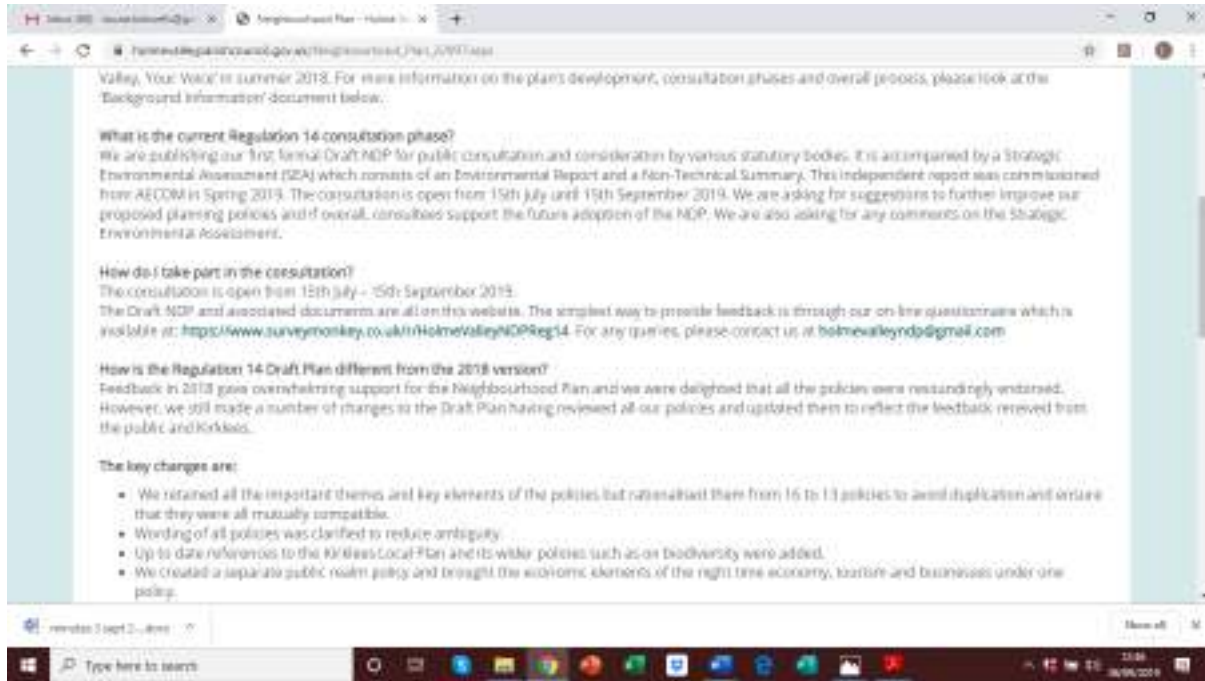
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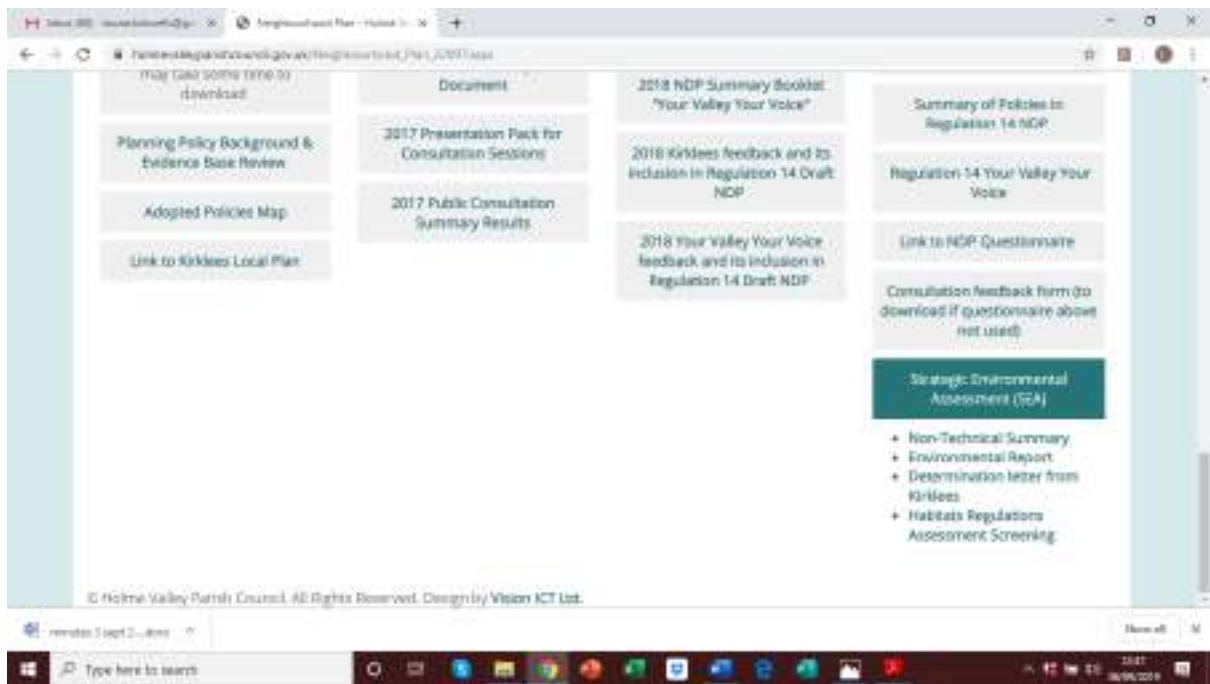
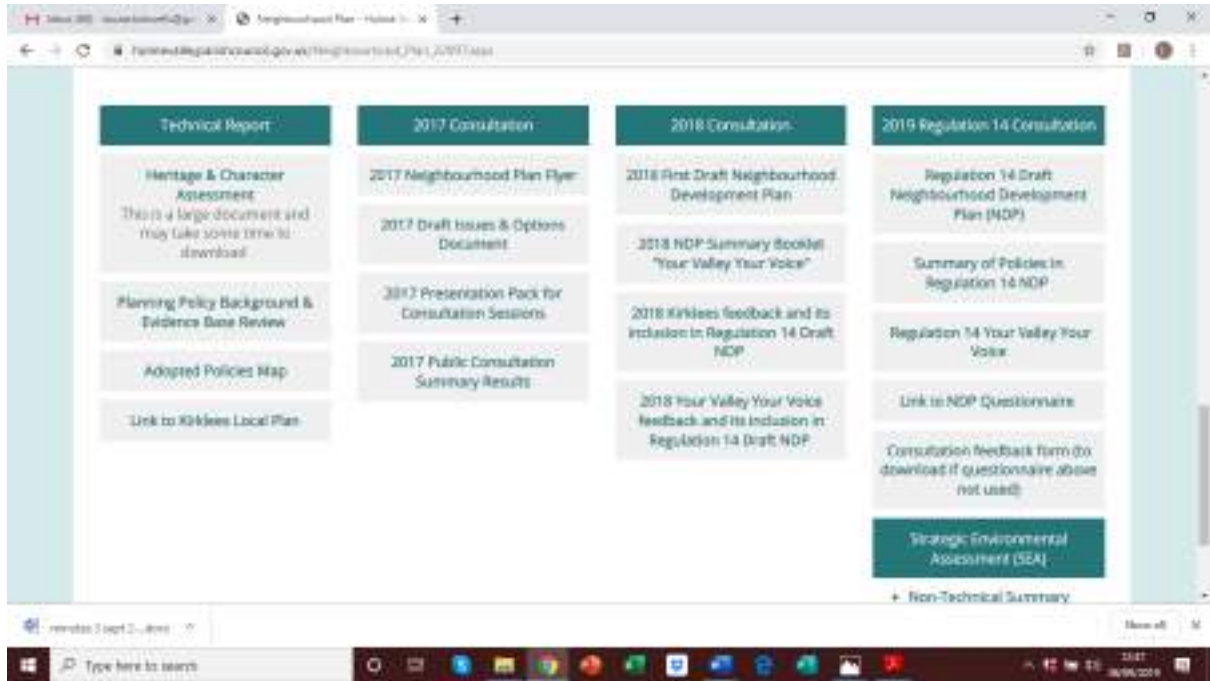


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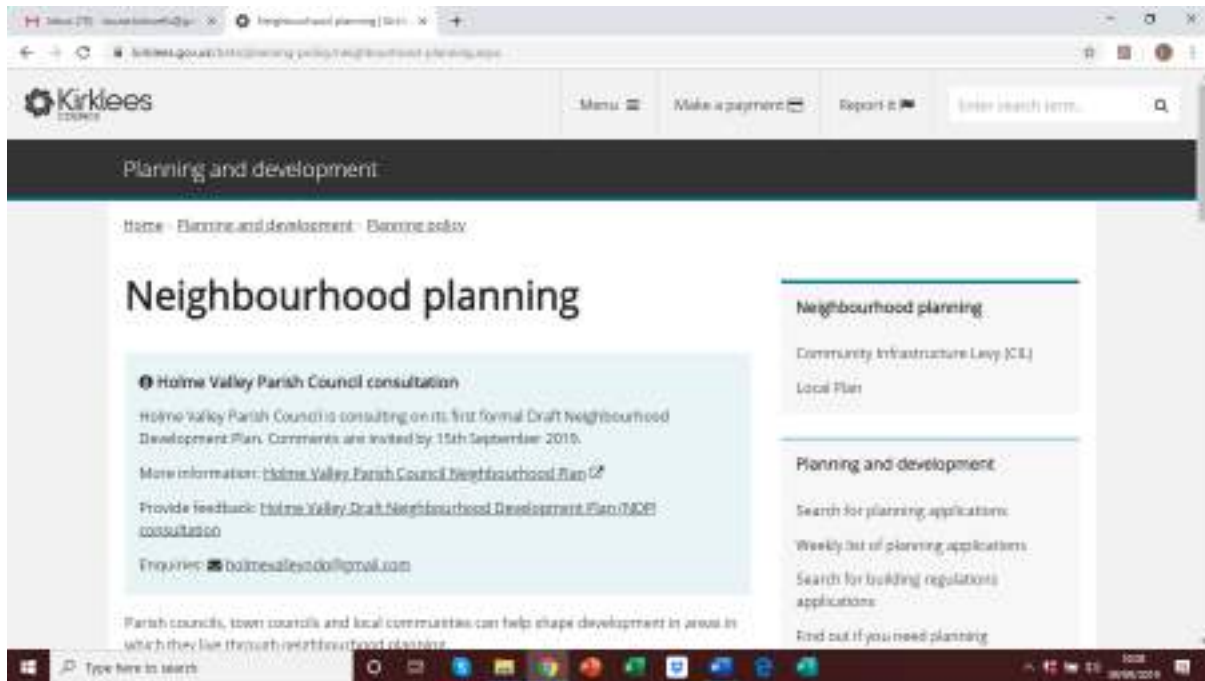








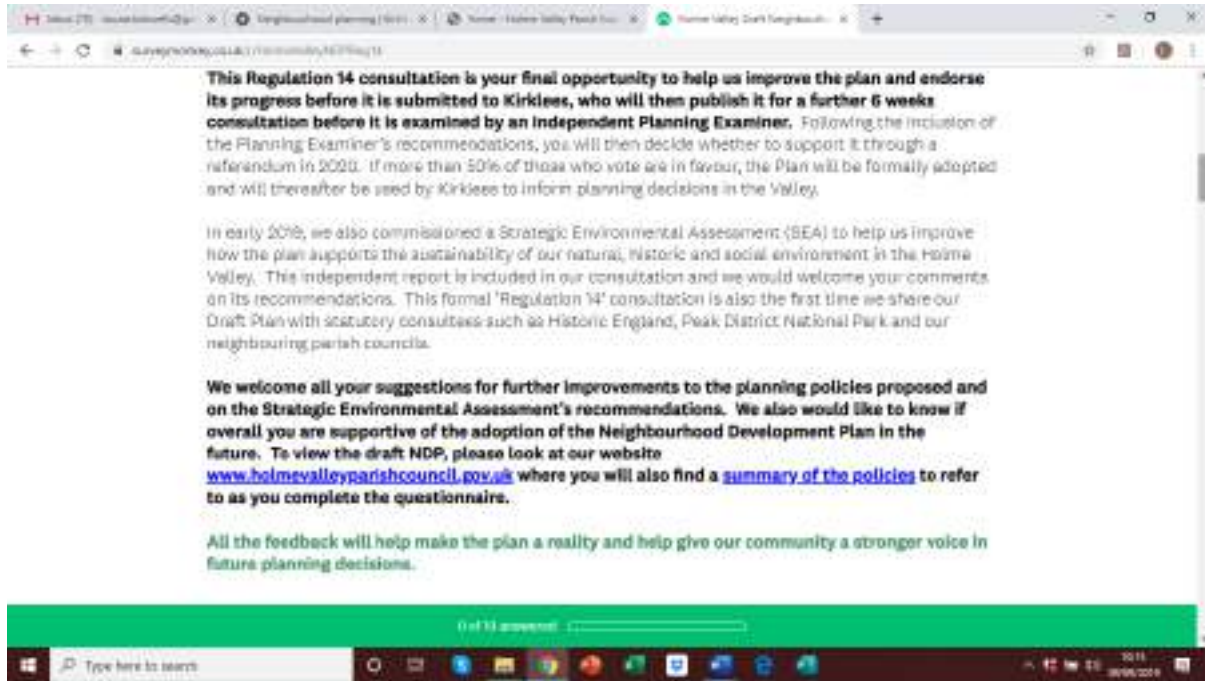
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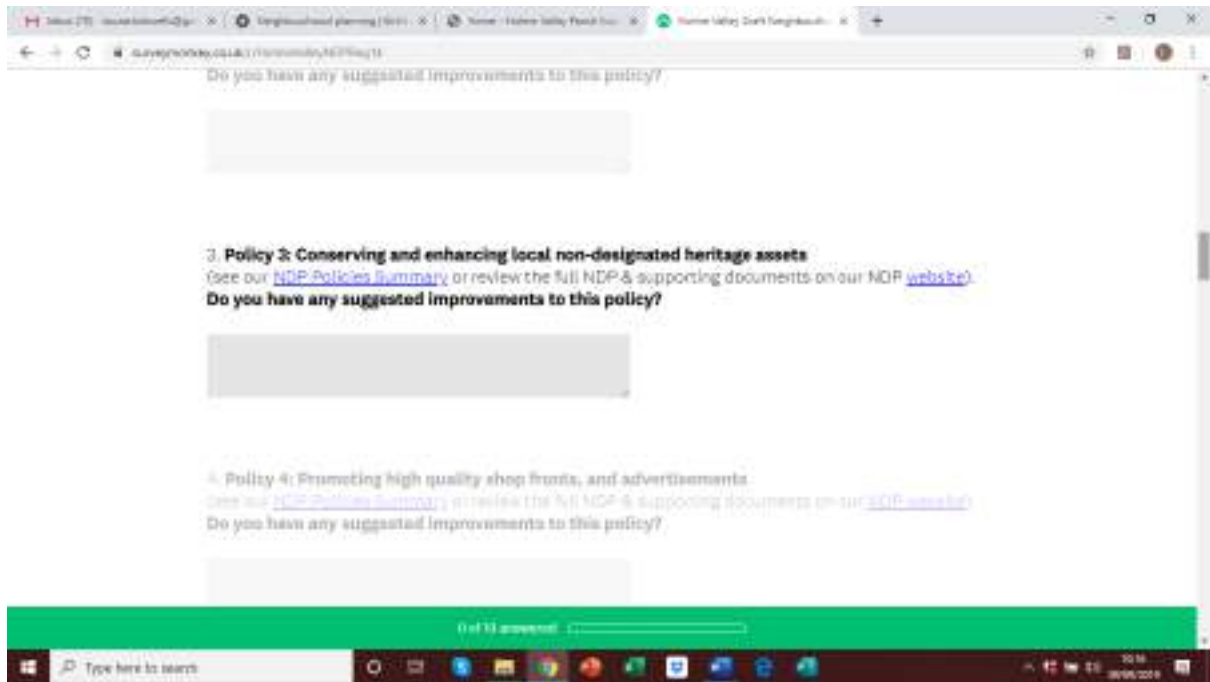
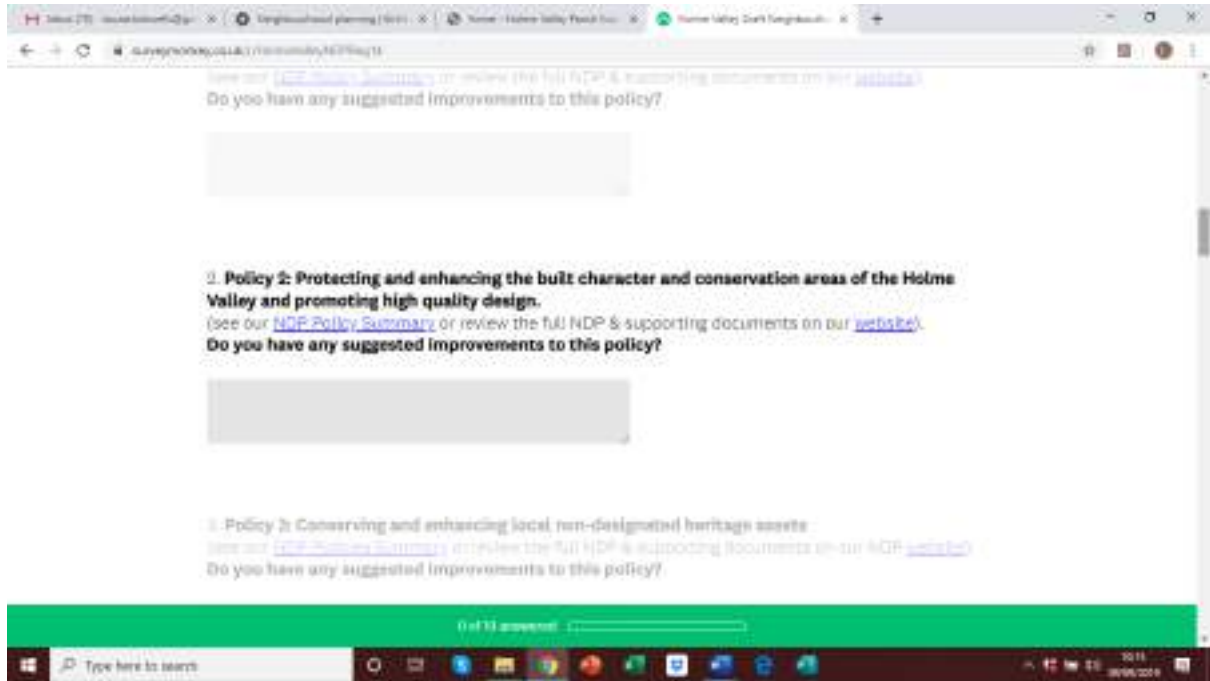


## Appendix 9 - Regulation 14 Questionnaire

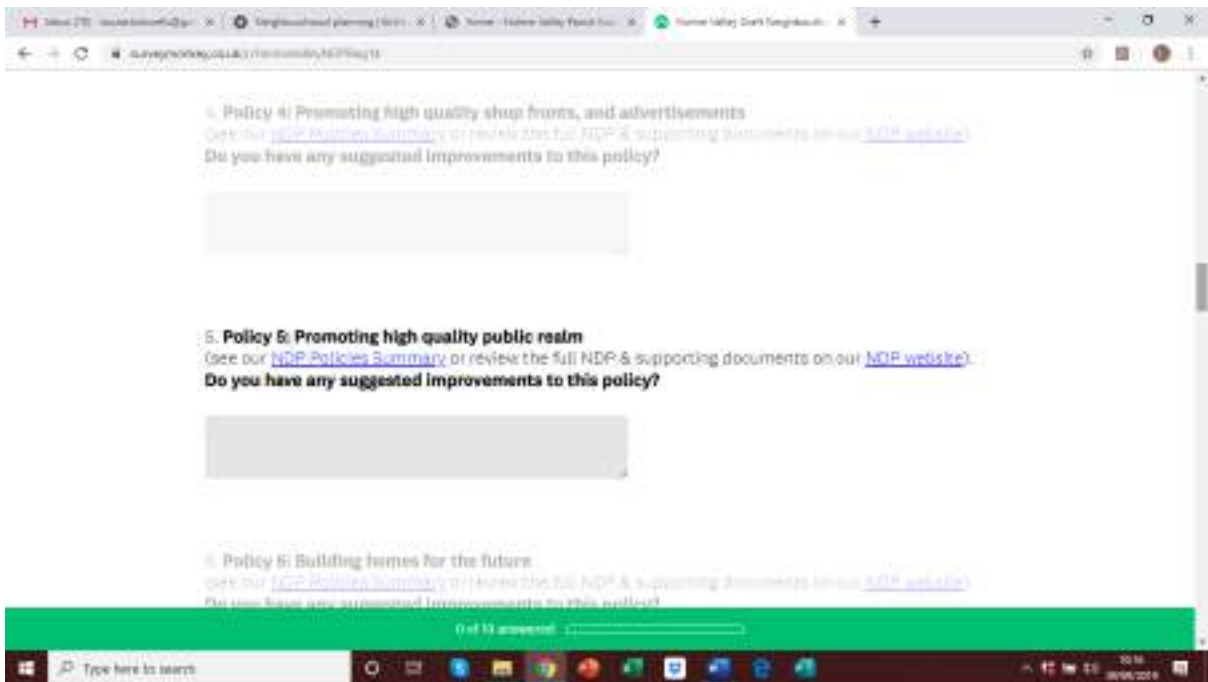
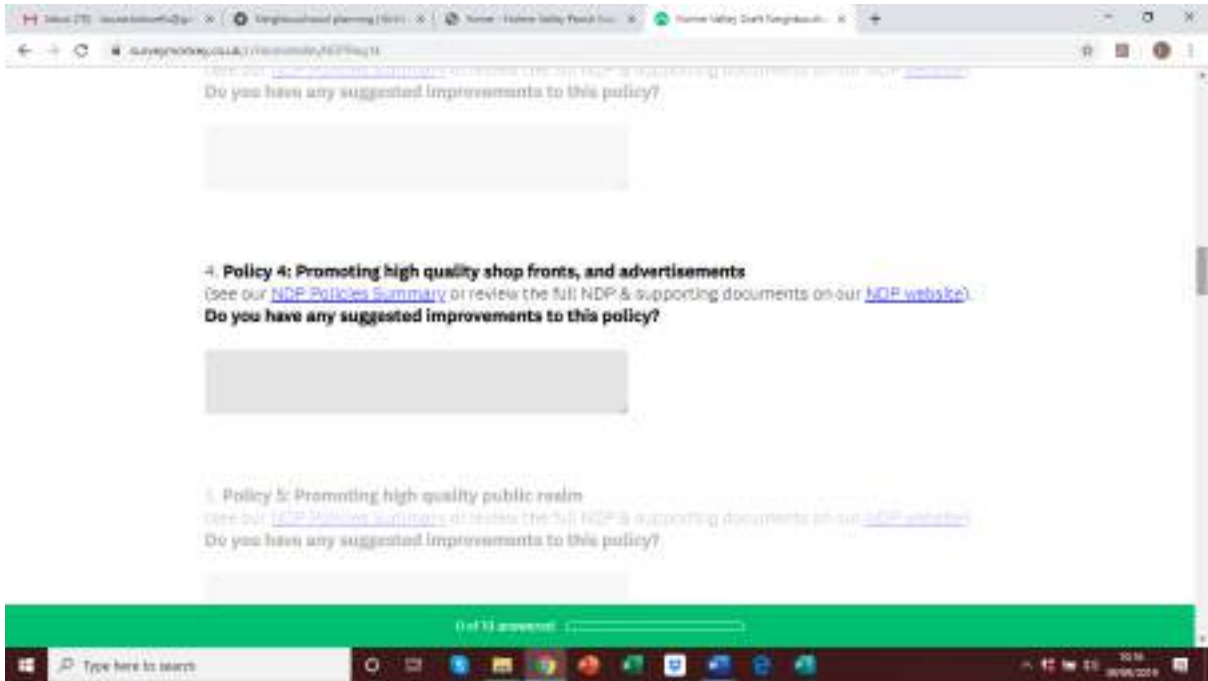
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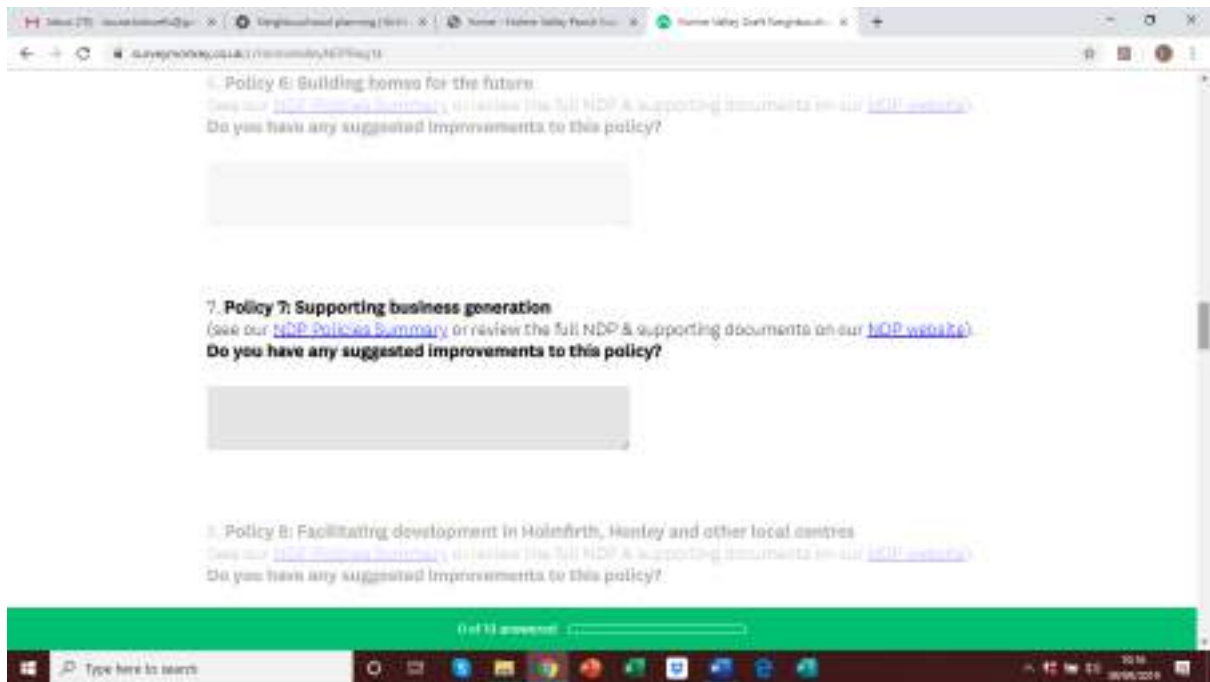
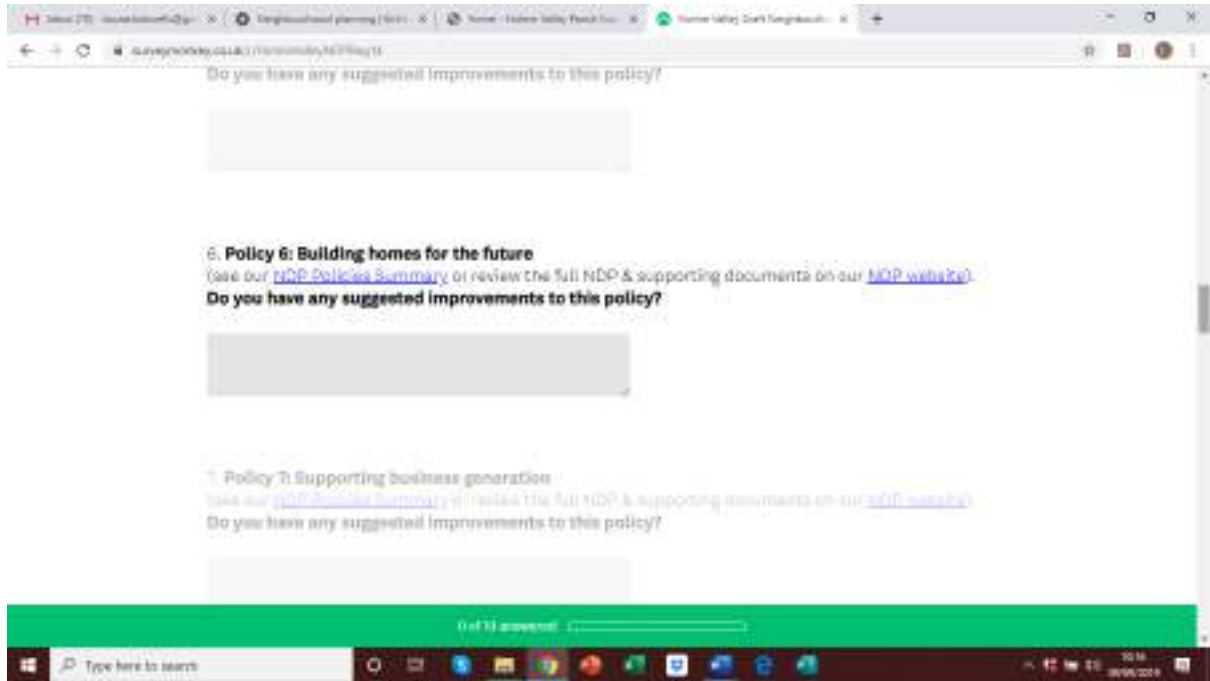


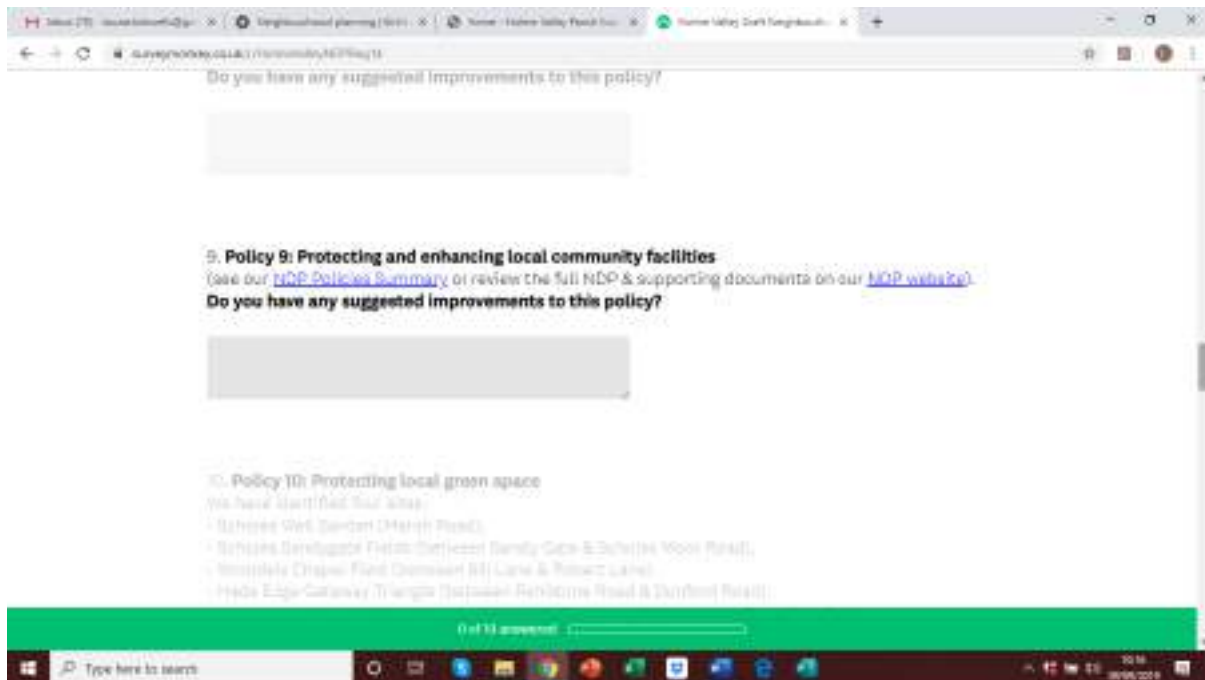
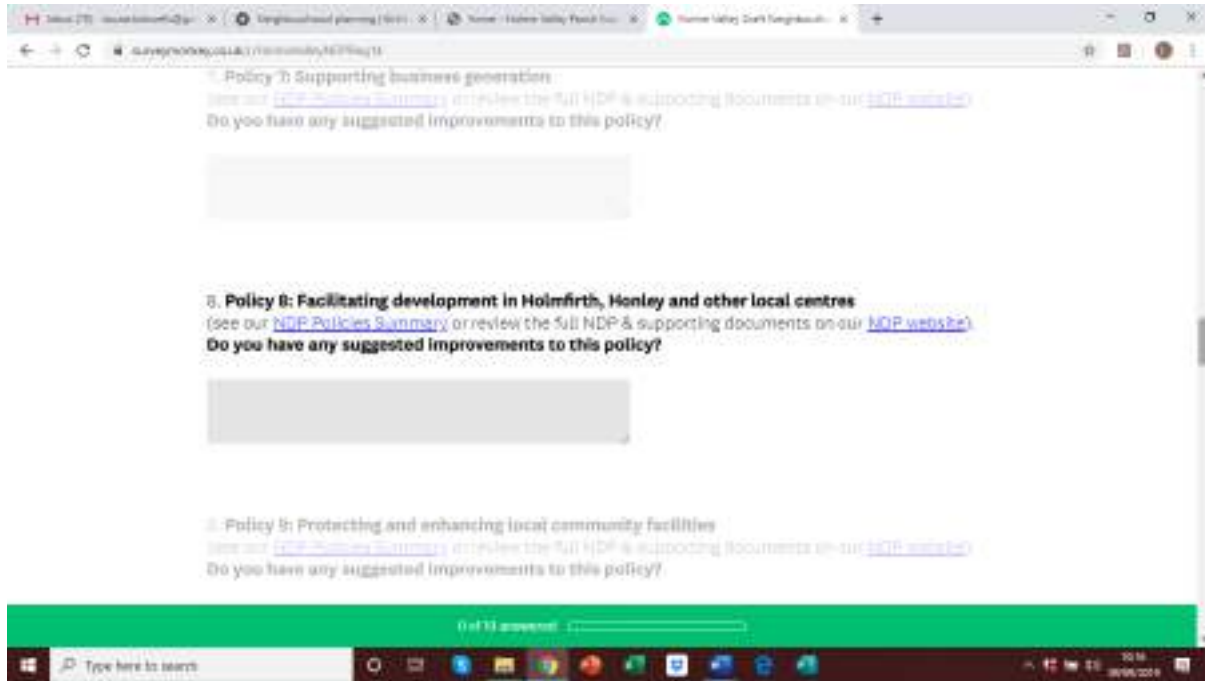


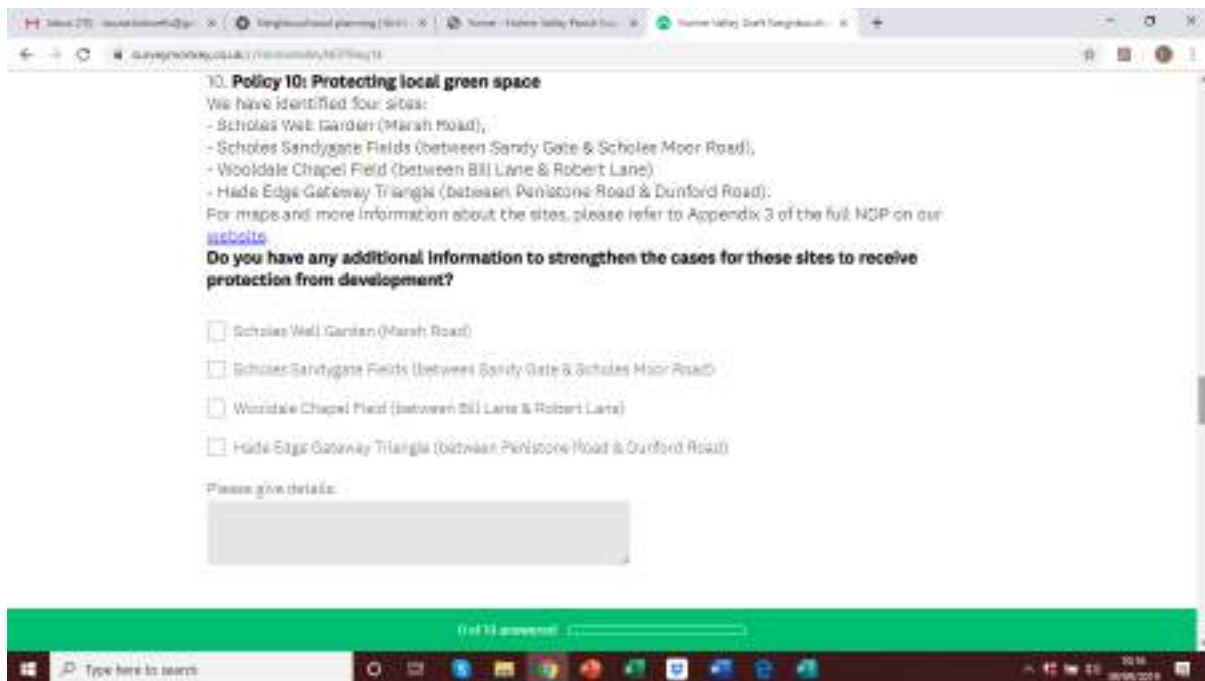
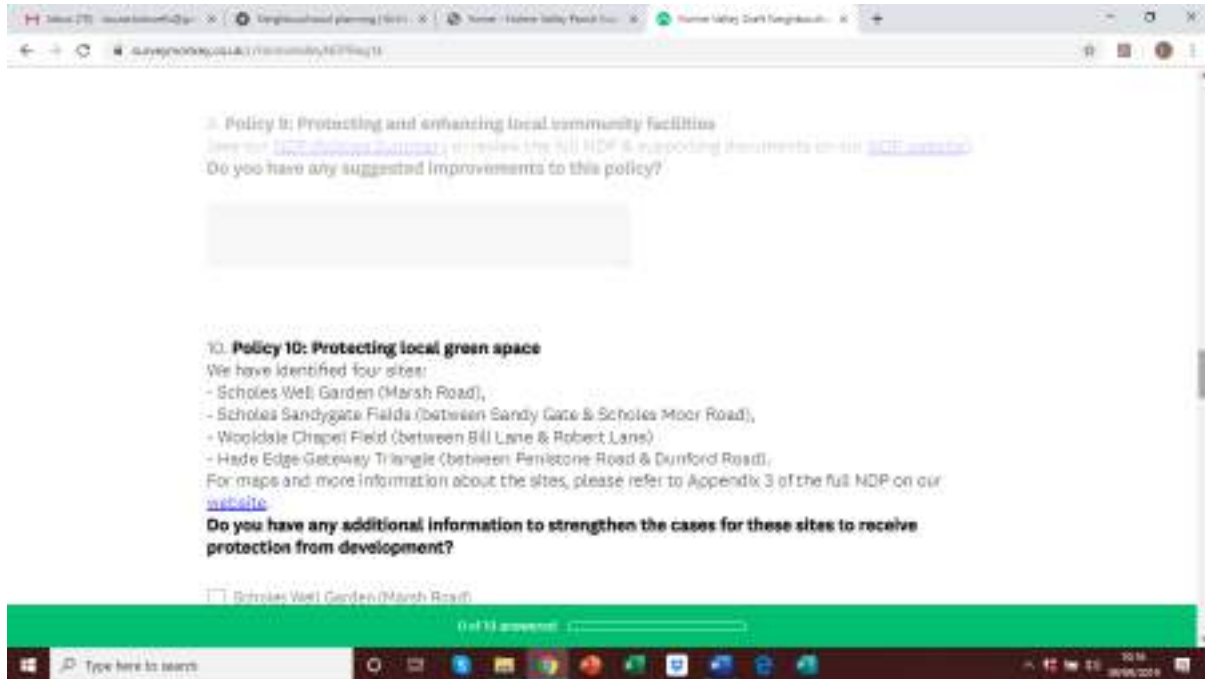


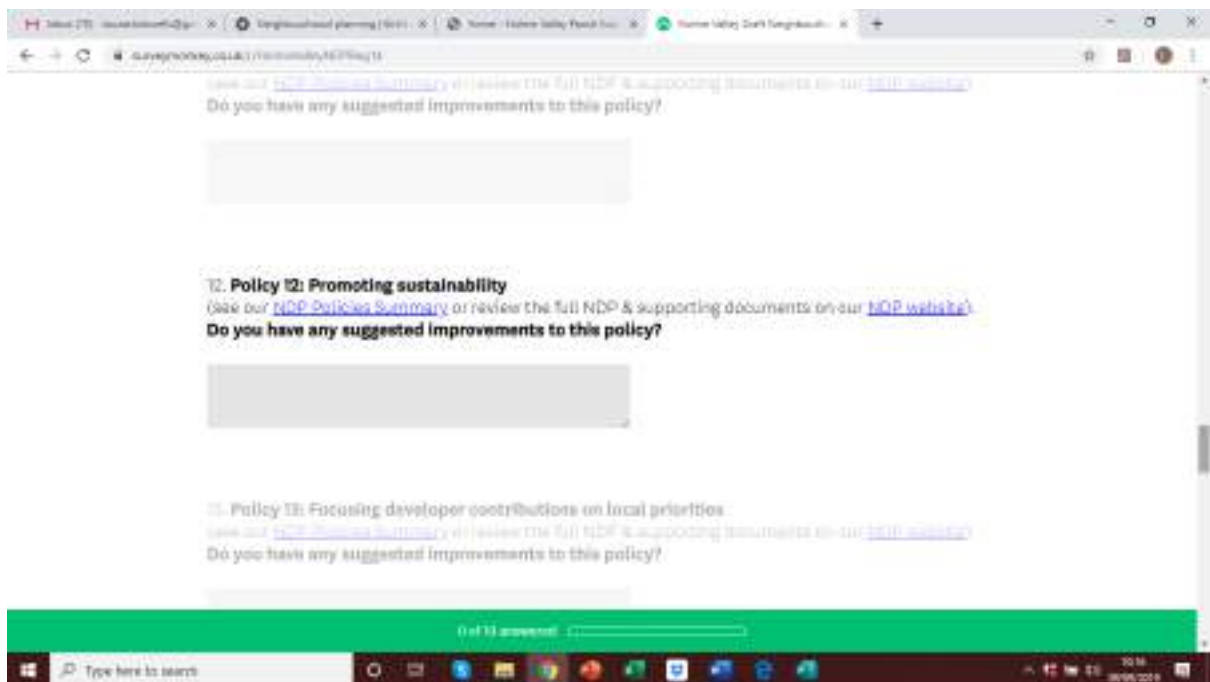
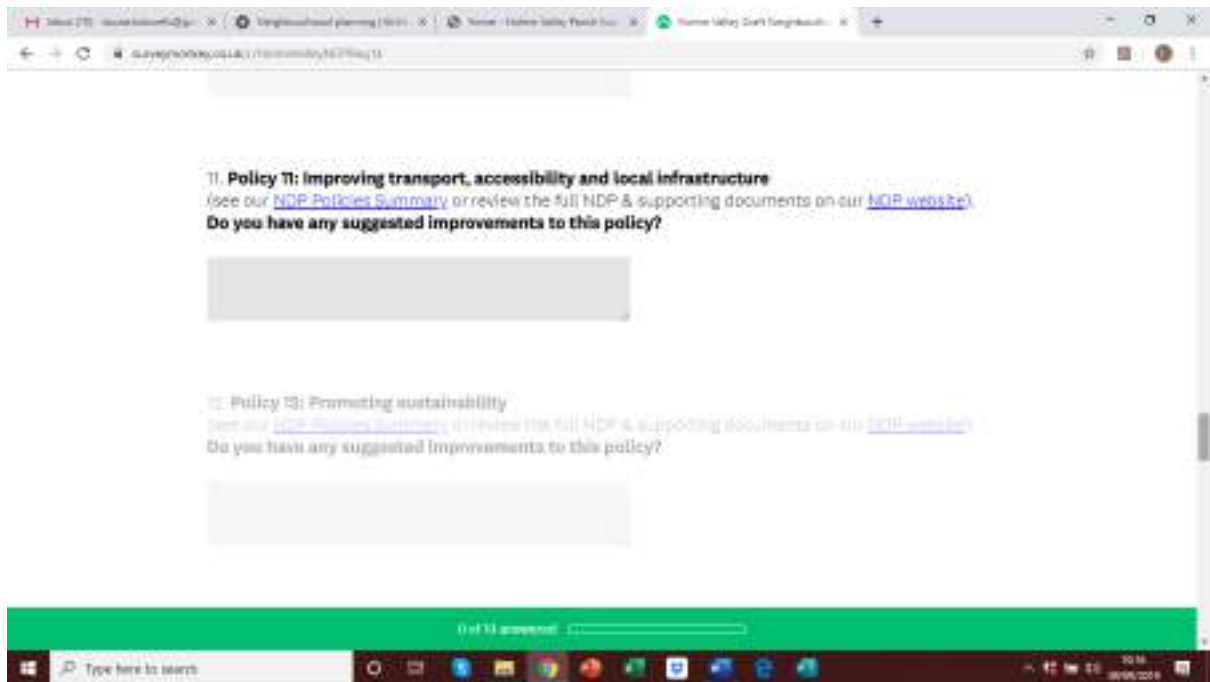




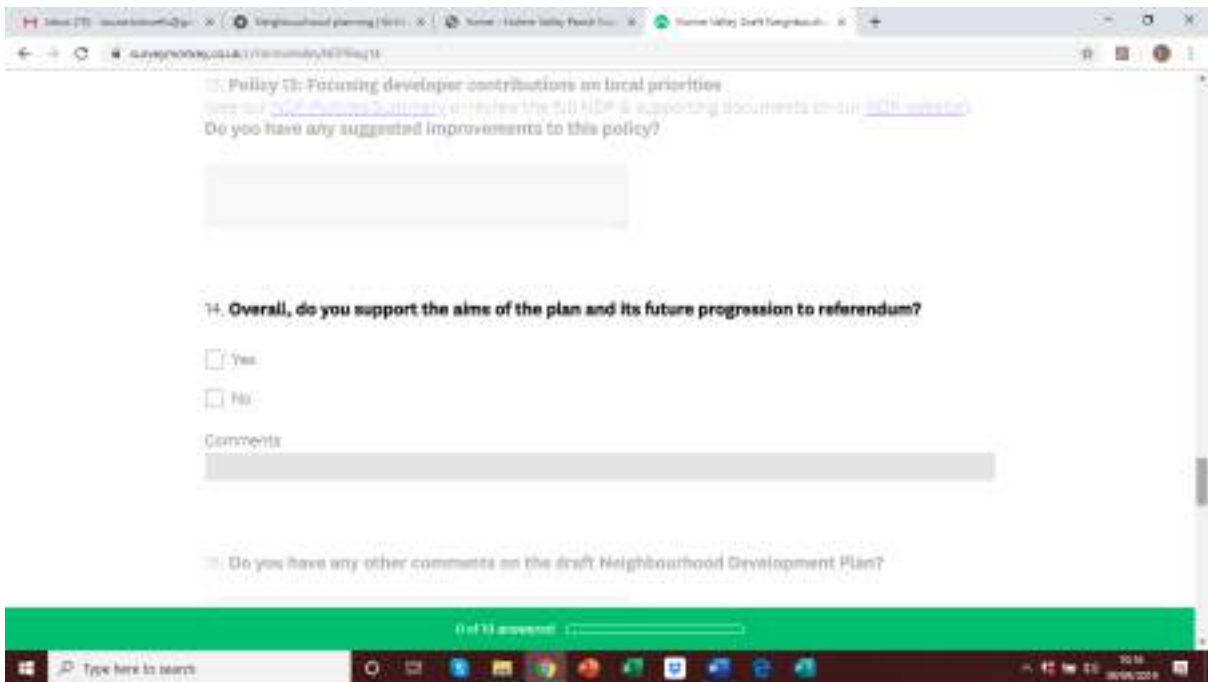
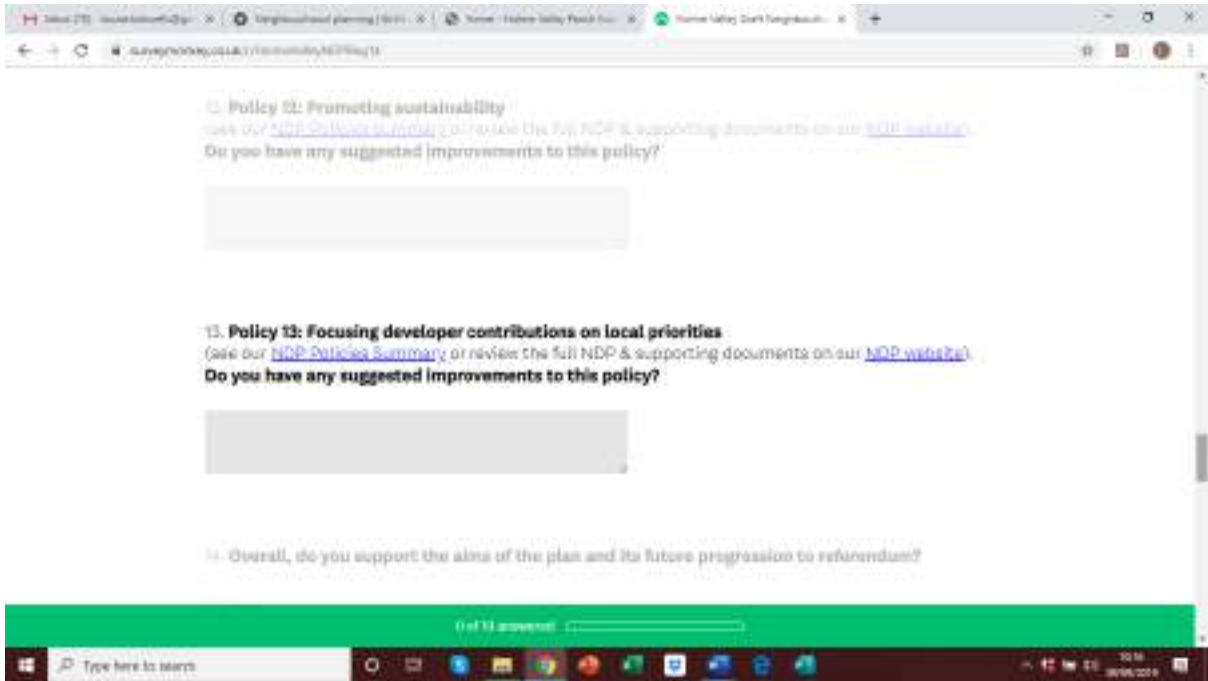


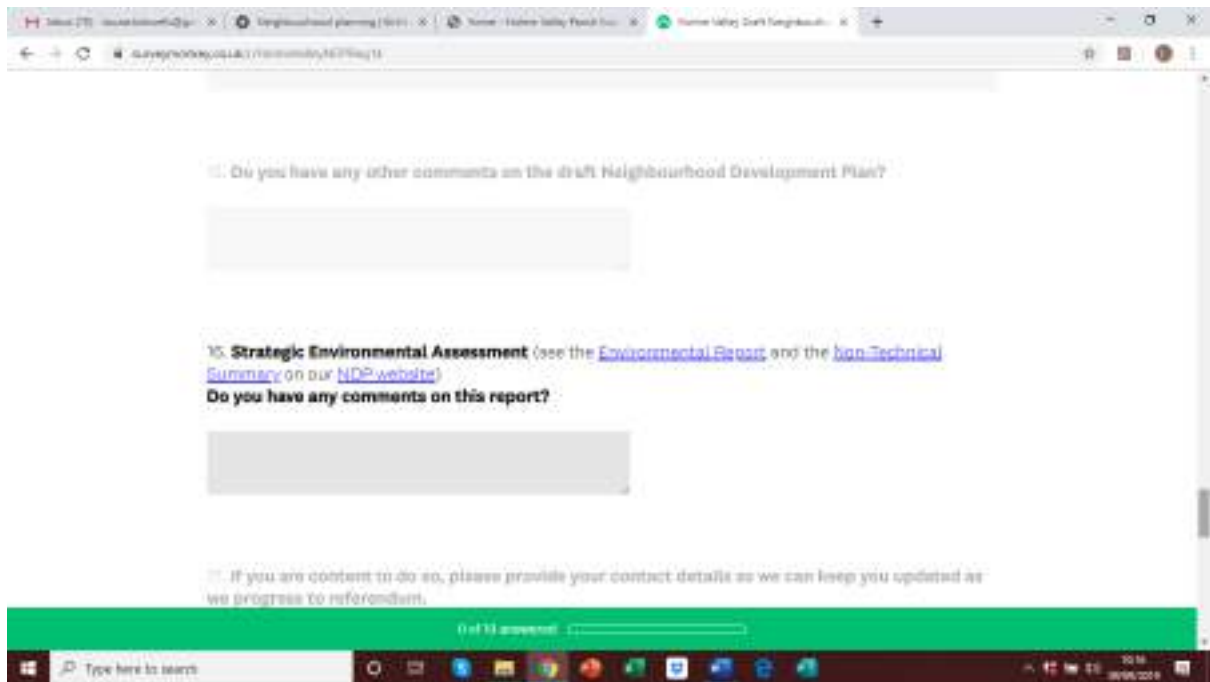
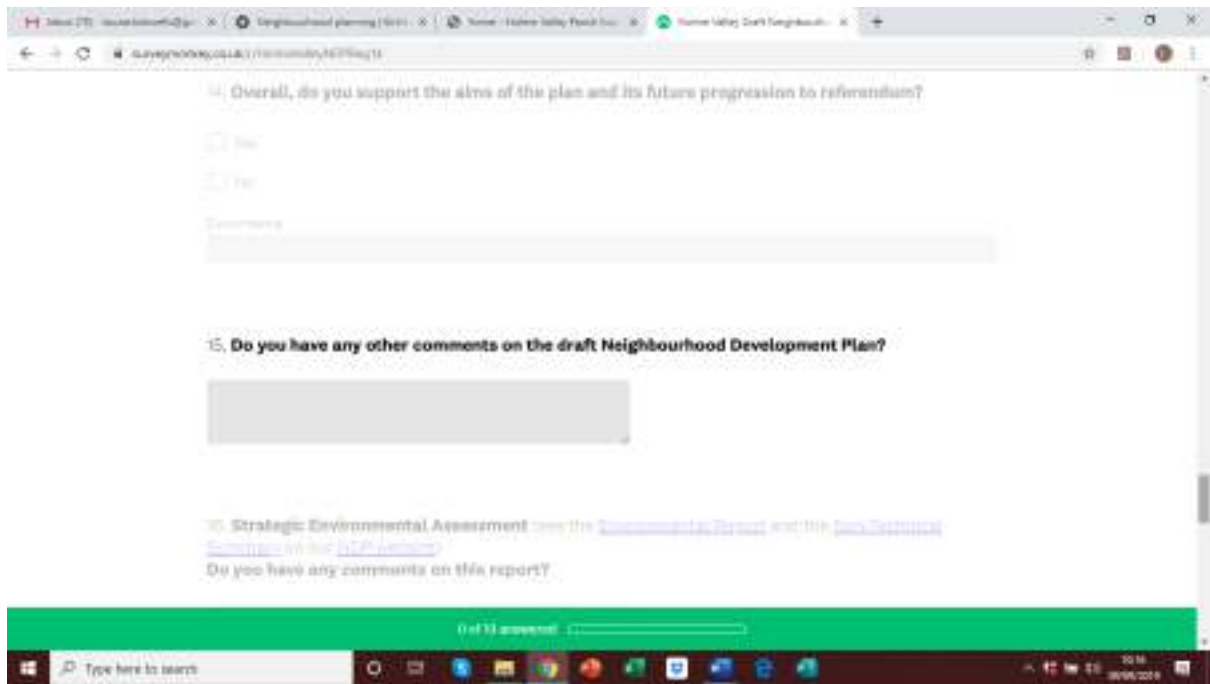


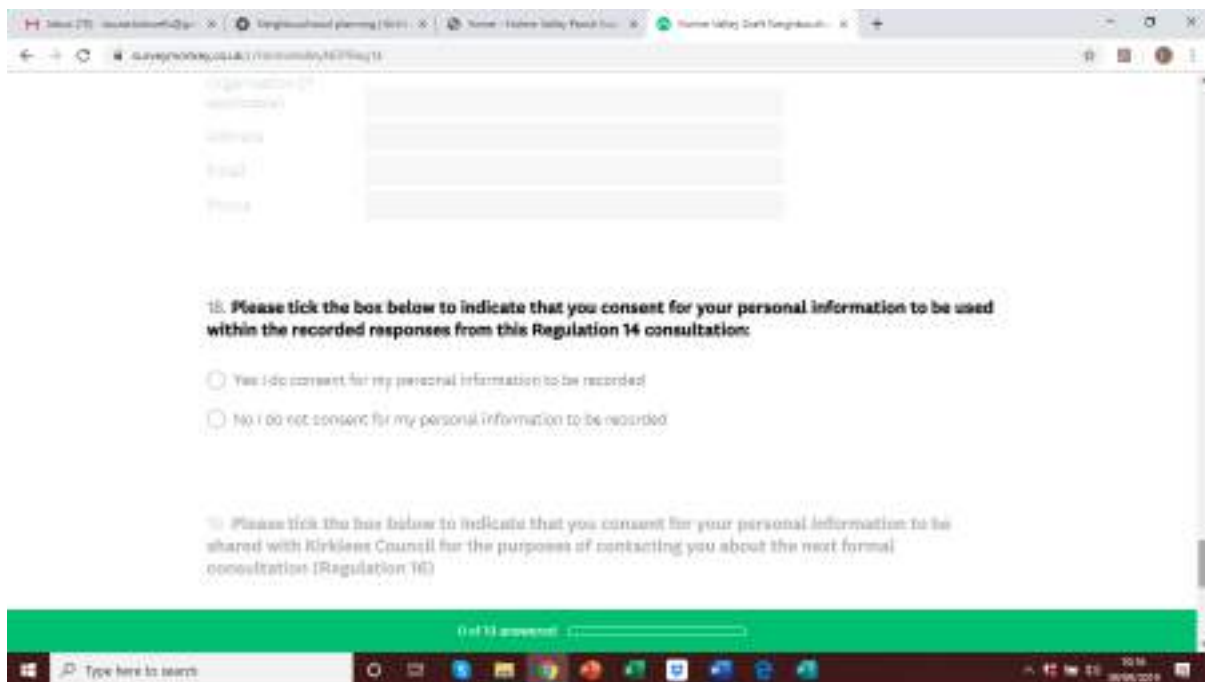
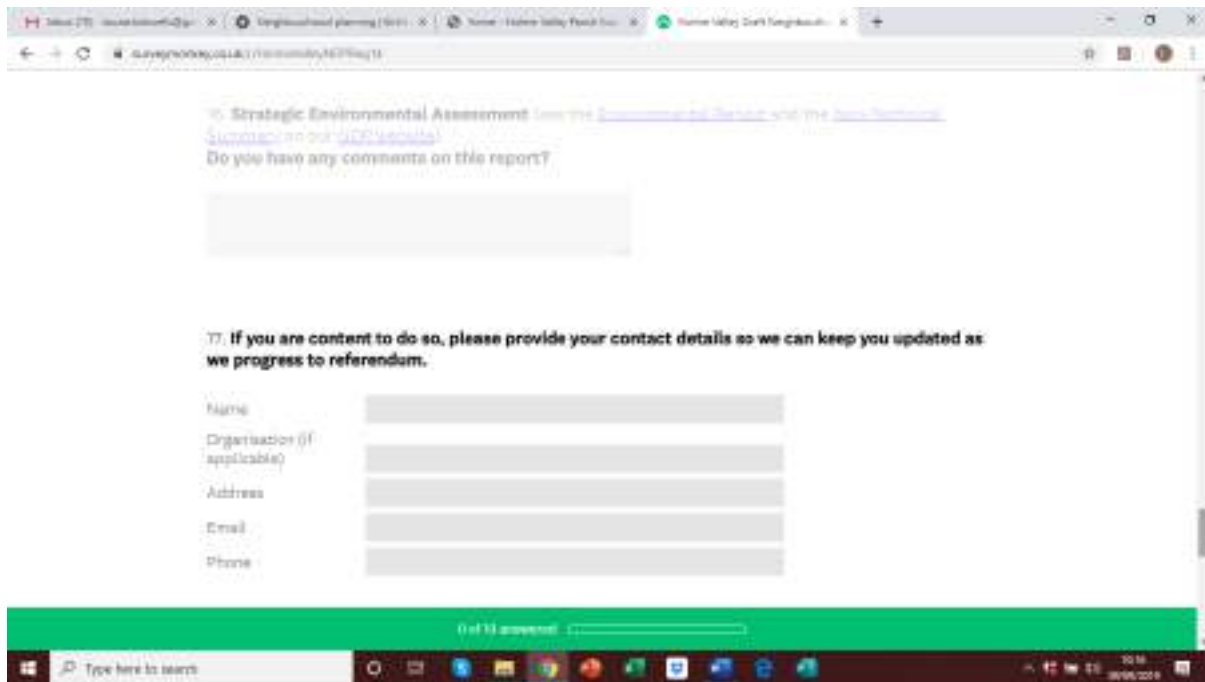


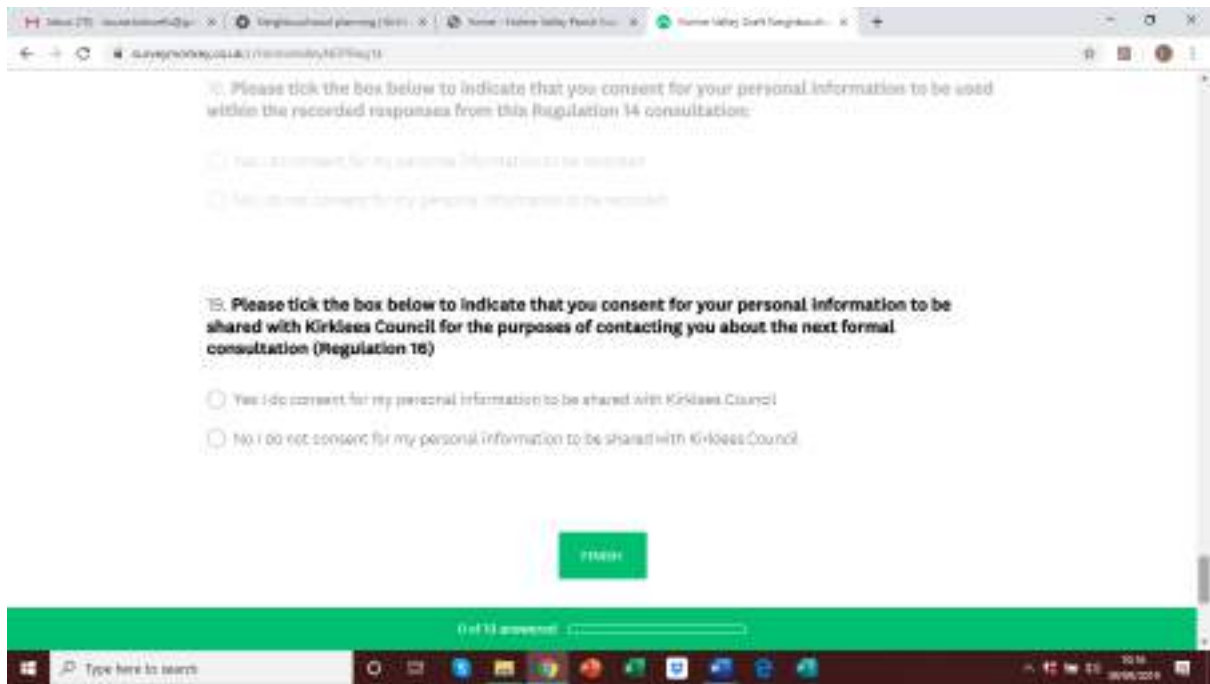












Consultation Feedback Form available from Holmfirth & Honley Libraries throughout the consultation



**Holme Valley Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**  
**Regulation 14 Public Consultation: 15<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2019**  
**Public Consultation Feedback Form**

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) gives local people a direct say in how development should take place in the Holme Valley, and once adopted it will result in more money being available for community projects within the Holme Valley.

The Planning Group also has a vision and a community growth recommendations for the development plan. From extensive research, community consultation and specialist expertise. In 2018, we sought your views on our proposed plans, policies and planning policies to define the future vision plus a set of 10 key planning issues. You voted the draft plan called 'Your Vision, Your Voice'. Thank you to all those who took part in the 'Your Vision, Your Voice' consultation.

Feedback given demonstrating support for the Neighbourhood Plan review were delighted that all the policies were reasonably endorsed. We considered all the comments received both from the public and from councillors and retained all the important ones that matter to local people, but not all of them. We refer them to make our policies more focused. Details of this analysis is available on our website: [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

In early 2020, we commissioned a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to help us measure how the plan supports the sustainability of our natural, historic and social environment in the Holme Valley. The independent report is included in our consultation and we would welcome your comments on its recommendations.

This Regulation 14 consultation is your final opportunity to help us improve the plan and endorse its proposals before it is submitted to Councillors who will then publish it for a further 6 weeks consultation before it is passed by an independent Planning Committee. Following the inclusion of the Planning Committee's recommendations, you will then see the plan adopted through a referendum in 2020. From that date onwards those who vote are in favour, the plan will be used to adjust what will otherwise be used to determine what happens in the valley.

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment are available on the Holme Valley Parish Council website at [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We welcome all your suggestions for further improvements to the planning policies proposed and on the Strategic Environmental Assessment recommendations. We also would like to know if overall you are supportive of the adoption of the Neighbourhood Development Plan in the future.

The Formal Regulation 14 Consultation is the first time we share our Draft Plan with statutory consultees such as Historic England, Peak District National Park and our neighbouring parish councils. All the feedback will help make the plan a reality and help give our community a stronger voice in future planning decisions.

**Where is the information?**

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment are available on the Holme Valley Parish Council website at [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Our website ([www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)) has background to the plan as well as supporting documents which have informed the draft plan since the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group formed in 2016. This includes reports, published technical and planning advice and summaries of the public consultation results from 2017 and 2018.

**How do I give my views?**

Please provide your feedback for each policy by completing our online questionnaire at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/j/urysurvey/999999999>

If you download the form and wish to submit it directly, please email it to [holmevalleyndp@gmail.com](mailto:holmevalleyndp@gmail.com)

If you would prefer to complete a paper form, copies are available at Holmfirth and Honley Libraries alongside copies of the Draft Plan and SEA to view. Completed paper forms should be deposited at Holmfirth or Honley Libraries or posted to Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Civic Hall, Suddendale Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS.

**What if I have any questions?**

If you have any questions or wish to speak to the Planning Group, we are holding the following drop-in sessions:

- 12am - 2pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Honley Parish Rooms
- 12am - 2pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 11<sup>am</sup> - 2pm at Honley Library

For any queries or assistance completing the form or accessing the documents, please email us at [holmevalleyndp@gmail.com](mailto:holmevalleyndp@gmail.com), call the Parish Council Clerk on 02494 687409 or visit to Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Civic Hall, Suddendale Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS.

**Thank you for helping shape the future of our valley**

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment are available on the Holme Valley Parish Council website at [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



**Holme Valley NDP Regulation 14 Consultation Feedback Form**

Please provide your feedback below and continue on additional sheets or on the back as required, making clear which question you are responding to:

- 1) Policy 1: Protecting and enhancing the landscape character of the Holme Valley  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?
  
- 2) Policy 2: Protecting and enhancing the built character and conservation areas of the Holme Valley and promoting high quality design  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?
  
- 3) Policy 3: Conserving and enhancing local non-designated heritage assets  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?
  
- 4) Policy 4: Promoting high quality shop fronts and advertisements  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?
  
- 5) Policy 5: Promoting high quality public realm  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?
  
- 6) Policy 6: Building homes for the future  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?
  
- 7) Policy 7: Supporting business generation  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?
  
- 8) Policy 8: Facilitating development in Holwell, Ilkley and other local centres  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?
  
- 9) Policy 9: Protecting and enhancing local amenity facilities  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment at:

10) Policy 10: Protecting local green space  
We have identified four sites: School Well Ground (Marsh Road), Adwick Synagogue (Holehouse Lane) & School Lane Road, Woodside Chapel (The M. between Hill Lane & Robert Lane) and Hole Edge (Gatways Triangle (between Peckham Road & Dunford Road).  
Do you have any additional information to strengthen the case for these sites to receive protection from development? Please indicate which site you are referring to.

11) Policy 11: Improving transport, accessibility and local infrastructure  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?

12) Policy 12: Promoting sustainability  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?

13) Policy 13: Treating developer contributions as local priorities  
Do you have any suggested improvements to this policy?

14) Overall, do you support the aims of the plan and its future provisions to reference it?  
Yes  No

15) Do you have any other comments on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan?

16) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)  
Do you have any comments on this report?

17) If you are content to do so, please provide your contact details so we can keep you updated as we progress the consultation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

18) Please confirm that you consent for your personal information to be used within the recorded responses from this Regulation 14 consultation. Yes I do consent

19) Please confirm that you consent for your personal information to be shared with external consultees for the purposes of contacting you about the next formal consultation (regulation 18). Yes I do consent

Please email the completed form to [info@holmevalley.gov.uk](mailto:info@holmevalley.gov.uk), deposit it at Holwell or Ilkley libraries or post it to Holme Valley Parish Council, Holwell, CH1 1JH, UK

**Thank you for giving us your feedback!**

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment at:

Examples of Publicity about Regulation 14 consultation

The image shows a Facebook post from the Holme Valley Parish Council. The post is dated July 16, 2019, and is published by Rachel Hogey. The main text of the post reads: "Have your say on the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan between 15th July and 15th September! Please help us improve the plan before we submit it to Kirklees and then the Independent Planning Examiner. The Plan gives local people more say in how developments should take place in the Holme Valley and once adopted it will result in more money being available for community projects within the Holme Valley. All the information is on our website: [https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Neighbourhood\\_P...](https://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_P...) where you can complete the on-line questionnaire at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HolmeValleyNDPReg14>".

The post features a large graphic with the title "YOUR VALLEY YOUR VOICE!". The graphic includes the text: "We have asked your views and opinions on the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and you have helped us improve the plan. Now help us improve the plan further by completing our online questionnaire at: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HolmeValleyNDPReg14](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HolmeValleyNDPReg14)". It also states: "TAKE PART IN OUR REGULATION 14 PUBLIC CONSULTATION From 15th July - 15th September 2019. PLEASE COMPLETE OUR ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE AT: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HolmeValleyNDPReg14](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HolmeValleyNDPReg14)". The graphic depicts a stylized landscape with green hills, trees, and buildings.

At the bottom of the post, the engagement statistics are displayed: 2,487 People Reached and 126 Engagements. There is a "Boost Post" button to the right of these statistics.

The Facebook interface shows the page name "Holme Valley Parish Council" and the profile picture. The right-hand side of the image shows various Facebook suggestions and community updates, including a tip to "Create a Group for Your Page" and a community update from Michael Forster Jones.

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 @HolmeValleyParishCouncil

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**Final few days to give us your views on how to improve the proposed planning policies in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan!**  
 The consultation period ends this Sunday 15th September. Don't forget to have your say and influence planning decisions in the Valley in the future so local priorities are listened to! Adoption of the plan will also make more money available to spend on our community's priorities in the valley. All the information is on our website https:// See More

**Neighbourhood Plan - Holme Valley Parish Council**  
 Here you will find information about development of our Holme Valley

**1,374** People Reached    **58** Engagements    Boost Unavailable

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**Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan  
Consultation responses due back by  
15th September 2019**  
**YOUR VALLEY, YOUR VOICE - MAKE IT HEARD!**

The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan is an important part of giving our community a stronger voice in its future. Its policies will affect future planning decisions across the Holme Valley and structure how local people want to see the Holme Valley develop over the next 15 years.

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD -  
RESPOND TO THE  
CONSULTATION!**

Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development  
Plan (NDP)  
2019 – 2031



Regulation 14 Draft for Public Consultation

[DOWNLOAD OR VIEW THE DRAFT PLAN](#)

HoTT are having a meeting on Wednesday evening 11th September 2019 to discuss our response to the consultation. If you wish to attend and contribute to HoTT's response, please email [frances@hott.org.uk](mailto:frances@hott.org.uk) for further information

# Holmfirth Conservation Group

**AGM SEPTEMBER 10TH 2019 - 7PM - HOLMFIRTH TECH**



We are pleased to share details of our forthcoming AGM - all are welcome.

**Conservation Group Meeting Speaker: Cllr Rachael Hogley**

**The Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan**

Rachael has been chairing the group that has been formulating the Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the Parish Council, part of the Planning framework for the area.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been a valuable document in understanding local approaches to policy and was a key component in drawing up a response to the Access Plan, published in March and now withdrawn.

There are more details about the results of the public consultation at the bottom of the page.

AGM

## Appendix 10 - Consultation Bodies and Other Organisations and Copy of Email / Letter

The following bodies received letters by email or post about the Regulation 14 consultation

- National Grid
- NHS Property Services
- Northern Gas Networks
- Leeds City Council
- Asset Manager (Y&NE) Highways England
- Chairman Mirfield Town Council
- Clerk Denby Dale Parish Council
- Director Local Enterprise Partnership Leeds City Region
- Morley Town Council Planning Committee Morley Town Council
- Sustainable Places - Planning Advisor Environment Agency
- Clerk Meltham Town Council
- Policy Planner Peak District National Park Authority
- Head of Planning and Infrastructure Oldham Council
- High Peak Borough Council
- Barnsley MC Planning and Transportation Service
- Service Manager Planning and Transportation Wakefield Council
- Kirkburton Parish Council
- Yorkshire Water Services Ltd
- Regional Planner Historic England
- Historic England
- Saddleworth Parish Council
- Clerk Dunford Parish Council
- Clerk Cawthorne Parish Council
- High Hoyland Parish Council
- West Bretton Parish Council
- Tintwistle Parish Council
- Executive Director Transformation Locala
- Newsome Ward Community Forum
- Planning Manager Sport England
- Network Rail
- Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group
- Spatial Planning Manager West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- Development Liaison Officer National Grid
- Policy Planner Peak District National Park Authority
- Wood Plc on behalf of National Grid
- Natural England
- Coal Authority
- Homes England

- Holmfirth Transition Town
- Holme Valley North Ward Councillor
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- Holme Valley North Ward Councillor
- Holme Valley South Ward Councillor
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- Holme Valley South Ward Councillor
- Kirklees Planning Team
- Gladman Development Limited
- Scholes Future Group
- Scholes Future Group
- River Holme Connections
- Clerk Ripponden Parish Council
- Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- British Telecom
- NTL Group Ltd
- Network Rail
- Chief Planning Officer Bradford MC Department of Transportation, Design and Planning
- Chief Planning Officer Leeds City Council (Planning and Development Services)
- Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth Parish Council
- Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust



## Text of letter sent to consultees

Dear Consultee,

**Notification of Formal Public Consultation on the Holme Valley Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (Regulation 14 Town and Country Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012)**

I am writing to advise you that the Holme Valley Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been published for consultation by Holme Valley Parish Council.

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared by a Steering Group of parish councillors and community group representatives which has developed this plan from extensive research, community consultation and specialist expertise. It has engaged with local people throughout its development with early consultation in 2017 establishing community priorities which were then used to draft a proposed vision, objectives and planning policies. These were shared with the community for an extensive informal consultation in 2018. Feedback from this 'Your Valley Your Voice' consultation gave overwhelming support for the Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies were resoundingly endorsed. All the comments received both from the public and from Kirklees were considered and the Draft NDP was updated retaining all the important themes and details of this analysis is available on our website: [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**The Draft NDP is now open to formal Regulation 14 consultation from 15<sup>th</sup> July until 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019.** It is published alongside a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which was commissioned by the Steering Group in early 2019. This independent report will improve how the plan supports the sustainability of the natural, historic and social environment in the Holme Valley and we welcome your comments on its recommendations.

The Draft Plan and other supporting documents can be viewed and downloaded from the Neighbourhood Plan page on our website: [www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Here, you will also find a link to our on-line questionnaire to give us your responses: (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HolmeValleyNDPReg14>). However, if you prefer, you can download a feedback form and email this to [holmevalleyndp@gmail.com](mailto:holmevalleyndp@gmail.com) or post it to Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS.

Following the public consultation process on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Plan will be amended and submitted to Kirklees Council together with supporting documentation, including a Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation Statement setting out who has been consulted, how the consultation has been undertaken and how the representations received have informed the Plan.

Kirklees Council will then re-consult, before the Plan is subjected to an Examination by an Independent Examiner. Once any further amendments have been made the Plan will be subjected to a local Referendum, and then Made by Kirklees Council and used to help determine planning applications.

If you require any further information, please contact the Parish Clerk at the address provided above or the Steering Group directly by email at [holmevalleyndp@gmail.com](mailto:holmevalleyndp@gmail.com).

Appendix 11 - Holme Valley Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan –  
Regulation 14 Consultation, 15th July to 15th September 2019,  
Response Tables Combined

(See separate document)

